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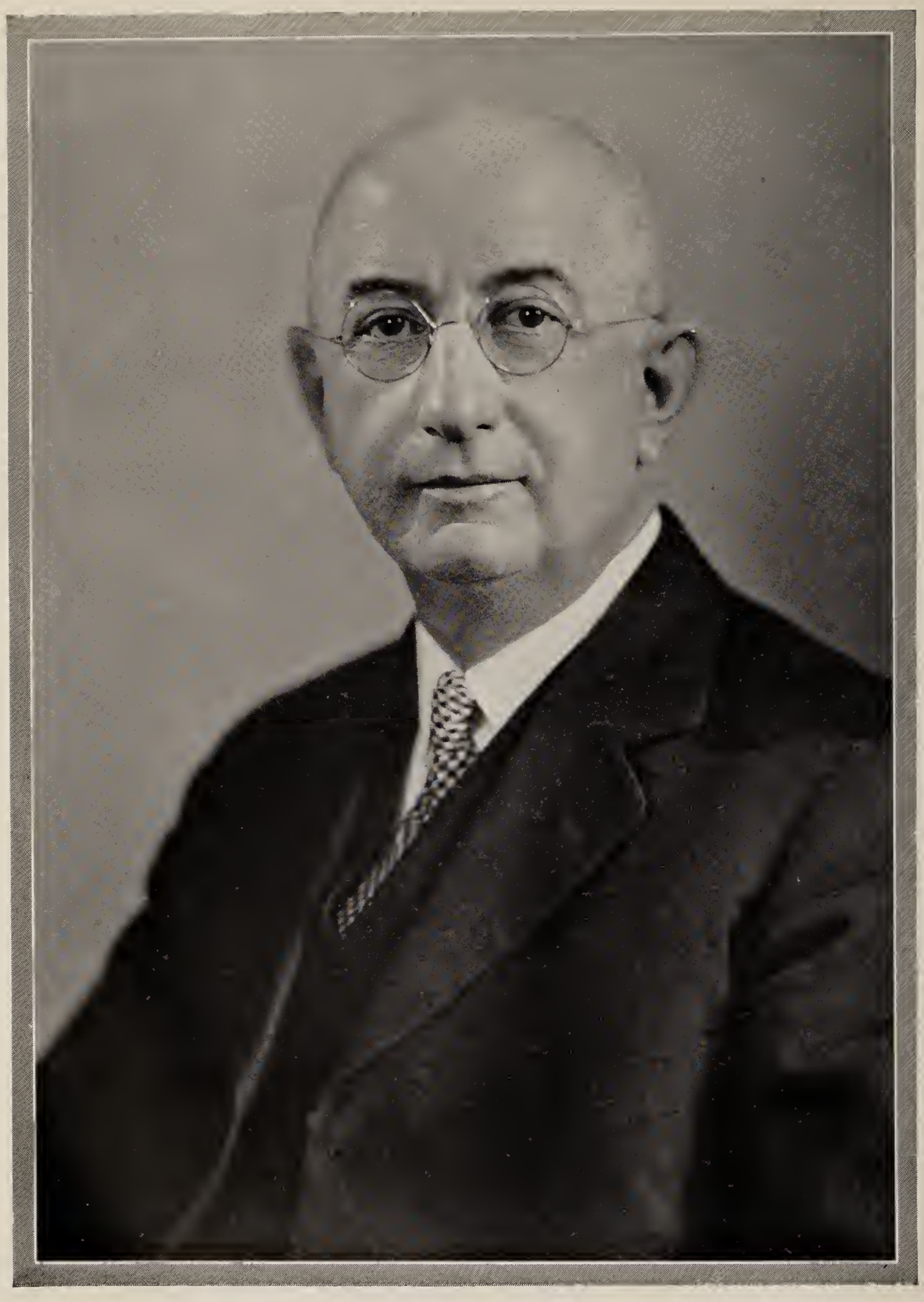

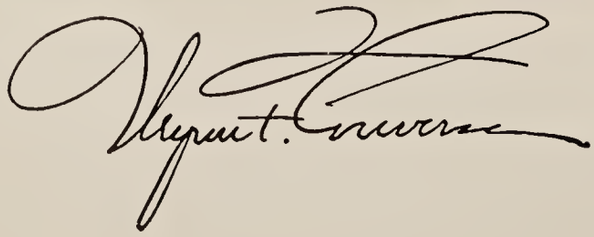

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GEORGE F. BOOTH—Once in a while a man enters into the life of a community who is possessed of great gifts for its constructive good. Such a one was Isaiah Thomas, patriot newspaper man, who in the American Revolution transferred his paper, the "Massachusetts Spy and Oracle of Liberty," from Boston to Worcester, where he served through a long life as a stimulus to civic advancement and a builder of public institutions. A century and a quarter later, in 1899, to be exact, history repeated itself and another newspaper man of the same rare Yankee breed took up his residence in Worcester. His name is George F. Booth. He did not have to bring his newspaper with him. It was waiting for him, for he had bought the "Worcester Evening Gazette" and was about to become its publisher and editor. Now he is publisher and editor of the "Worcester Telegram," and "The Evening Gazette and Sunday Telegram." In the intervening thirty-five years he has been doing for the great city of Worcester, and, in fact, for all the thriving cities and towns of Central Massachusetts, what old Isaiah did for the country village. His record is one of great usefulness and achievement.

George Francis Booth was born in Hartford, Connecticut, November 11, 1870, son of William Henry and Eliza (Jackson) Booth. His initial intention was to study law, but circumstances willed otherwise. The bar lost a member who no one can doubt would have been a leader. But daily journalism gained one of New England's most brilliant newspaper men.

An old saying is that "Once daub a man's hands with printers' ink he never gets it out of his system." Another is "Once a newspaper man, always a newspaper man." In Mr. Booth's case the daubing occurred and the virus was introduced in his blood very early in life, for as a young lad, while on a summer vacation in Norwich, Connecticut, he served for a few weeks in a humble capacity on the "Norwich Bulletin." His first professional experience came a little later as private secretary to Col. L. L. Morton, general manager of the American Publishers' Association, an organization having for its membership the leading newspapers of the United States. Among other valuable experiences of this period of his career was the young man's indirect association with the "Boston Post," the affairs of which were then being conducted by Col. Morton for its trustees, a responsibility which ended with the purchase of the property by the late E. A. Grozier.

Mr. Booth's next connection was with the "New Haven Register." There he was given the opportunity to master the details of the newspaper business in all its departments. Within a few years he was made general manager of the paper, the leading daily of New Haven and a powerful influence throughout Connecticut.

His long career in Worcester began in October, 1899, when, in partnership with John Day Jackson of New York and New Haven, one of the owners of the "Register," he purchased the "Worcester Evening Gazette," then at the ebb-tide of an existence which even in that day was nearly a century old. It was founded as the "National Aegis" in 1801, and took the name of "The Evening Gazette" in 1866 when it became a daily. When Mr. Booth assumed control, it had been published and edited for years by Charles H. Doe, and, following him for a relatively brief period, by David B. Howland, who had come from the "Springfield Republican." Ownership rested in a group of prominent Worcester men, who, when Mr. Howland's health broke down, were glad to dispose of their holdings to men so well connected in the newspaper field as Mr. Booth and Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Booth immediately took charge as publisher and editor. He was not yet thirty years old, and looked much younger. The property was very badly depreciated. The equipment was obsolete. Worcester was then a city of 120,000 people, the center of a large and growing agricultural and industrial district. Yet "The Gazette" had a daily circulation of only 3,000. But its columns had always been kept clean and respectable, and, in an old-fashioned way, the paper had been well edited. As a consequence it possessed a certain amount of valuable prestige.

The new publisher, in effecting changes, proceeded slowly and wisely. He lost no time in making it clear to all that the new ownership was independent of every interest excepting the interests of the people of Worcester and its county. There was no change in fundamental policies and political affiliations. But Mr. Booth's readers quickly sensed the presence of a new virility, as strong points of the old paper were emphasized and the weak eliminated. The old mechanical plant was discarded and the establishment was given an adequate press and other machinery.

At first the increase in circulation was slow. Then came the acceleration which was inevitable under the new circumstances. How well the young publisher seized his opportunities is shown by the fact that in fifteen years the 3,000 daily circulation had grown to 31,000, and was the largest daily evening newspaper in New England outside of Boston, with the exception of one in Providence.

In 1901, "The Gazette" plant was moved from the ancient Main Street block, where the Slater building now stands, to the building at the corner of Mechanic and Norwich streets, and again the equipment was replaced by new.

In 1921, "The Gazette" was consolidated with the "Worcester Telegram," and Mr. Booth's partnership with Mr. Jackson came to a close. Four years later, in 1925, Mr. Booth, in partnership with Harry G. Stoddard, bought the stock of the Worcester Telegram Publishing Company, and became the publisher and editor of the three newspapers, "The Evening Gazette," "Daily Telegram," and "Sunday Telegram." Under his direction his

newspapers grew apace, until their combined daily circulations passed the 100,000 mark. Costly improvements have been made in the plant on Franklin Street, which is now one of the most complete in the country in its equipment and conveniences. It is a self-contained unit, comprising everything required to produce a modern newspaper at the highest speed and with a maximum of efficiency.

Rarely does a newspaper man possess the dual ability to be an active, successful publisher, with detailed knowledge of the business affairs of his paper, and at the same time an accomplished writer and judge of news values and meanings. George Booth is one of these exceptions. One would expect the myriad of matters which must come to his attention as publisher, with the endless number of calls made upon him, would absorb every minute of available time and occupy his mind to the exclusion of the news and editorial departments. Such is far from being the case. No man in these departments of the "Telegram and Evening Gazette" has a keener, if as keen a grasp on what is happening in city, State or Nation, or in the world at large, in its relation to the news, or to the editorial columns for discussion or comment. One reason for this is a seemingly tireless mentality, coupled with extraordinary power of concentration and a marvelous memory. Another reason is his wisdom in the selection of executive assistants and his policy of placing responsibility among them and holding them to it. Yet another reason is George Booth's retention of his boyish enthusiasm for play. He is an accomplished fisherman and the Maine woods and the Canadian wilderness know him well. So, too, do the golf links. In these and other wholesome ways he is able to throw off his professional cares, refresh his mind and keep himself fit and keen.

As to his pen, it is loved and it is feared. Few can so well express sympathy or a kindly, appreciative thought, or set forth so convincingly and feelingly the sponsoring of a worthy cause. Also, in almost violent contrast, few men possess so trenchant and incisive a style when it becomes necessary to attack an unworthy cause, or to correct an abuse, or to turn scorn upon a malefactor. Long ago the public service corporations learned the consequences which follow the thrusts of the Booth rapier or the strokes of the Booth battle-axe. Abusers of public trusts have felt his journalistic wrath. Personal friendships have not stood in the way. No one has ever asserted that George Booth lacked the courage of his convictions. It might seem strange that the years have not accumulated a host of enemies for the fearless publisher and editor, were it not for the fact that Mr. Booth is recognized and respected everywhere as a just man.

Mr. Booth has long occupied a conspicuous and influential place in the political activities not only of his city and county but of his State. His belief has always been, and religiously adhered to, that a newspaper editor should keep himself free from all entangling alliances, and therefore should never accept an office to which a salary is attached. At times it has been difficult for him to live up to this conviction, because of the insistence of citizens that he step into the breach where a man of his stamp and character was needed. On one occasion he escaped the Republican nomination for mayor only by disappearing in company with Mrs. Booth until it was too late for him to sign the Republican nomination papers, as was necessary under the election law if his name were to go on the ballot. Had he desired to go to Congress, he had only to express his willingness to accept the office.

But as a non-officeholder his political influence has been and is enormous. Only those very close to his everyday life have adequate idea of the importance given his advice and counsel. He has always been a great power for good in local politics. In the affairs of the State he sits in the inner councils of his party and his advice has frequently been sought by opposition parties when matters of large public concern were under consideration. His knowledge and understanding of his public, his judgment of individual men and women, his searching and far-reaching political vision, are known to many people. It is no wonder that few political matters are decided until his opinion has been sought.

In the political campaigns, and between times when questions of party policy have arisen, the editorials of the "Telegram and The Evening Gazette" are watched eagerly by candidates and party leaders. City or State wants to know what Mr. Booth thinks about it. He is a Republican, and under ordinary circumstances what is known as a sound party man. But he is by no means hidebound in his views. When party candidate or party management leaves much to be desired, he has never been afraid to say so, in print. More than once such a Booth editorial has constituted, not an incident, but an event.

His refusal to accept salaried office has not meant that he has not served in positions of public trust. On occasion he has given his time to the work of a commission, without compensation. As to political honors, the Republicans of his congressional district twice have elected him their delegate to the national convention, in 1924 and 1932. In the last mentioned year, the Massachusetts delegation made him its chairman.

The name of George F. Booth will long be associated with the expansion and development of Worcester's rarely rivaled, far-flung system of public parks and playgrounds. Edward Winslow Lincoln was the founder of the parks, when, largely through his influence, the land for Elm Park was purchased by the city. He earned the sobriquet of "Father of Worcester Parks." But his dream never included park lands set aside for the amusement and active recreation of the people, old and young. To him and his contemporaries a park was a place of beauty, whose lawns must not be trod upon. His immediate successors as chairman of the Parks Commission shared, to a large extent, in the then common idea of park management, that the lands under their control must be confined to the aesthetic enjoyment of the community. It was not until Mr. Booth assumed the chairmanship, first of the public playgrounds, then of the Parks and Recreation Commission, that the people of Worcester began to get full, almost untrammeled enjoyment of the parks system.

Of far the greatest importance was the inauguration of the playground movement, in which Mr. Booth played the leading rôle. This proceeded rapidly, first as the work of a semi-private organization of public-spirited and humane men and women of Worcester, then for five years under the

direction of special municipal body, the Playground Commission, and finally as an essential and vigorous element of the parks system. From its inception, for more than fifteen years, Mr. Booth headed its activities. To him is given the title "Father of Worcester's Public Playgrounds." And to this might well be added "Upbuilder of Worcester's Park System."

The playground movement had its origin just previous to 1910. Worcester was growing very rapidly. Its tenement districts were expanding and were becoming more and more congested. Their swarms of children had no proper place for play. They were compelled to confine their amusements to streets and gutters and back yards which were often filthy. Twenty-five years ago tenement districts were far less hygienic than they are nowadays. The need was great of places where the young children could play in clean and wholesome surroundings under intelligent and sympathetic supervision.

Mr. Booth was among the first to see this need. Without delay, through his newspaper and privately, he began to foster the movement. He gave the best that was in him in energy and influence. He must have visualized a system of playgrounds for the little ones embracing all sections of Worcester that needed them. But his wildest dream could not have approached the reality of what had grown out of this beginning before he brought to a close his chairmanship of the commission in 1926 —great public athletic fields which today, among other opportunities for sport, contain twenty full baseball diamonds, wading pools for the young children, thirty tennis courts scattered all over the city, one of the finest municipal golf links in the country, even a bowling green. Such has been the expansion which, speaking largely, may be said to have grown out of the slender beginning of a playground movement.

The Playground Association was in process of organization. The members very naturally turned to Mr. Booth to be its president. They recognized that above them all he possessed those qualities which were demanded in the difficult task that confronted them. He did not want the job. Surely he was carrying a sufficient load without taking on anything of the magnitude of such a task. "The Gazette" was growing rapidly, and demanded the lion's share of his time and strength, and other public and philanthropic interests were already encroaching upon his time. So, as the organization meeting approached, he found it a convenient time to depart for a fortnight's fishing in the Maine wilderness. But his associates countered by adjourning the meeting until his return, and presently he found himself, willy-nilly, president of the Playground Association.

His first task was the raising of the necessary fund. The amount needed was tentatively set at $10,000. Worcester had never had a "drive." To get such a sum of money by public subscription seemed impossible—to everyone but Mr. Booth. He said it could be done, and it was done. The campaign closed with subscriptions totalling $11,000. So the association established the nucleus of the playground system, and conducted it for a year. Then President Booth persuaded Mayor James Logan and the city council that the city should take over the work as a new municipal department, and in May, 1911, the Playground Commission was established, with Mr. Booth as its chairman.

As time went on, the playgrounds became so closely affiliated with the park system, that upon Mr. Booth's recommendation, Mayor Pehr G. Holmes and his city council acted to consolidate the two departments as the Parks and Recreation Commission, which in May, 1917, elected Mr. Booth as its chairman. For ten years he continued this important task, the results of which may be found wherever the park system extends. At the expiration of his term in May, 1926, he declined reappointment, relinquishing an arduous duty to others who have carried forward the exacting work zealously and well.

Mr. Booth has played a conspicuous part in raising many millions of dollars by popular subscription. In the World War he was an active leader in every campaign, including the Liberty Loan drives. He was general manager of the most difficult of all these tasks, raising Worcester's quota of the United War Work fund. The campaign was scheduled to open on November 11, 1918, the day of the armistice. With the war ended, patriotic incentive to give was believed naturally to have dwindled. The city's quota was $585,000. Few thought it would be realized. Yet, under Mr. Booth's management, the people subscribed $1,070,000, nearly twice the allotted sum. All through the war he was vice-chairman of the administration committee of Worcester Chapter, American Red Cross, and he took active part in the Red Cross campaigns. He was chairman of the committee which raised the money that sent the Clark College Ambulance Unit to France, and so successful was the campaign that the fund not only paid the expenses of twenty young men who went across with the ambulance, but was left with a surplus which later established a Clark scholarship.

Mr. Booth was one of the founders of the Worcester Community Chest and has been active in the series of annual Golden Rule drives, which have raised the money with which to carry on the work of Worcester's charitable and welfare organizations. He was chairman of the committee which raised the money with which to pay off the mortgage on the Grand Army building on Pearl Street.

It was George Booth who took the initial step toward the erecting of a memorial to commemorate the self-sacrifice and valor of the Worcester men who gave their lives in the World War. The project had been long delayed when in 1927, he offered $5,000 for his partner, Mr. Stoddard, and himself to be the nucleus of a fund for the purpose. From this beginning the movement began to take practical form, and in 1927 a popular campaign quickly raised $130,000.

Mr. Booth was made chairman of the commission to which was entrusted the selection of a design for the memorial, to stand, as the terms of the campaign designated, on the plot reserved for the purpose in front of the Worcester Boys' Club at Lincoln Square. Subsequent events gave the site the beautiful, monumental background of the Worcester Memorial Auditorium. In this $2,000,000 auditorium project, Mr. Booth, although not a member of the commission, was a prominent factor in its conception and its accomplishment as a memorial to Worcester soldiers of all the long series of wars in which America has been engaged, as

colonies of Great Britain and as a nation. He was a member of the Committee of Award which selected the winning plan in a competition in which the outstanding architects of the country participated.

Under Mr. Booth's direction as chairman, the War Memorial Commission proceeded deliberately and wisely, with the final accomplishment a design which has the full approval of the art critics and of the people of Worcester.

For years he has maintained a lively interest in the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association, and was its president from 1920 to 1923. He was a founder and the first president of Worcester Council of Boy Scouts, directing its affairs from 1911 to 1915. He is a trustee of Red Cross Lodge at Sterling, maintained for the city's tubercular children.

From 1924 to 1926, he served as one of three members of the Metropolitan Water Supply Investigating Committee, which made an exhaustive survey and study of the future water supply of the Metropolitan District of Boston, including its relation to the future requirements of the city of Worcester.

In 1933, when after three years of depression the banks throughout the country were closed by order of the President and the Worcester Bank and Trust Company was among those not allowed immediately to reopen, Mr. Booth was in the forefront of those who devised a plan of settlement. By that plan all depositors of $500 or less received their money in full. All larger depositors received 40 per cent. immediately. Mr. Booth is a member of the Worcester Depositors Corporation which took over the arduous task of liquidating the frozen assets of the bank for the benefit of depositors, an undertaking which is still in progress as this book is published.

His activities and accomplishments in the fields of philanthropic and welfare work have been so extensive as to be difficult of brief narration. Hundreds upon hundreds of these projects have received the full-hearted support of his newspapers, particularly where they have promised to affect the well-being of little children, of boys and girls approaching manhood and womanhood, of poor and unfortunate women and children, and of the aged. His personal interest in enterprises of this character and his personal efforts in their behalf, including their management, have been bestowed with the same prodigal hand.

As to Mr. Booth's outside business affiliations, he is a vice-president and trustee of the People's Savings Bank and a director of the Worcester Morris Plan Company. He has directed the affairs of various important civic organizations having to do with the mercantile and industrial life of Worcester, among them the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, then known as the Board of Trade, of which he was president in 1907-08. He has been a trustee of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute since 1928 and a trustee of Worcester Academy since 1933. He was one of the early presidents of the Worcester Economic Club, and it was under his administration that the policy was established which has prevailed ever since, of securing as speakers only men of the highest standing in the world, each discussing a topic on which he is a foremost authority. Needless to say, this practice has been of great educational importance in broadening the knowledge and vision of members and the many others who have availed themselves of the opportunities offered.

Mr. Booth stands high in the esteem of his fellow newspaper publishers, as demonstrated by the fact that he is a former president of the New England Daily Newspaper Association and also of the New England Newspaper Alliance, which was an association of leading evening newspaper publishers outside of Boston. He is a member of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and of the Associated Press.

In 1932 he was appointed by President Hoover to the official board of visitors to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

In 1933-34 he was one of two publishers appointed to serve as adviser on the newspaper code on the Industrial Advisory Board of the National Recovery Administration (N. R. A.).

He is a member of the Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, Worcester Country Club, Bohemian Club, Boston City Club, National Press Club, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester Historical Society, American Federation of Arts, Worcester Art Museum, Players Club of Worcester, Worcester Drama League, Worcester County Musical Association, Worcester Economic Club, Foreign Policy Association, Worcester Natural History Society, Massachusetts Audubon Society, American Forestry Association, National Recreational Association, Worcester County Fish and Game Association, Worcester Animal Rescue League, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Advertising Club of Worcester, Worcester County Mechanics Association, Massachusetts Safety Council, Worcester Young Men's Chrstian Association, Boy Scouts of America, Worcester Council; Unitarian Laymen's League, American Red Cross, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Worcester County Republican Club and the Republican Club of Massachusetts.

Mr. Booth is a Mason, a member of Wooster Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Franklin Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of New Haven, and Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. He attends the First Unitarian Church.

He married, at New Haven, Minnie Lillian Welles, a native of West Warren, Massachusetts, daughter of Edmund Galpin and Mary E. (Hastings) Welles, a descendant of Governor Thomas Welles (1598-1660) of Connecticut. Their residence is at 64 Beechmont Street. They have three children, Doris Welles, wife of E. Claire Butler, Howard Mason Booth, assistant business manager of the "Worcester Telegram" and "The Evening Gazette," and Robert Welles Booth, a student at Williams College. JOHN NELSON.

FREDERIC BALDWIN WASHBURN—In the banking circles of Massachusetts, of which he has been a lifelong resident, Frederic Baldwin Washburn is well known and highly esteemed. His experience as a financier has extended over a period of more than four decades, and combined with his natural abilities along this line have won him recognition as an authority in banking and a

business man of vision and of achievement. In Boston and in Worcester he has lived up to his privileges and duties as a civic-minded citizen and contributed valuably to the development and betterment of the communities in which he has made his home. He was born at Natick, Massachusetts, July 19, 1871, son of Charles Watson and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Washburn.

Educated in the public schools of his natal place, he was graduated from the Natick High School, and early began a business career which by the time he had reached the age of seventeen, had definitely been directed in the channels of banking. In 1889 he became associated with the Natick National Bank, going from there, in 1892, to the North National Bank, of Boston, with which institution he remained three years. From 1899 to 1900 he was with the National Bank of Redemption, at Boston. Mr. Washburn became president of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank in 1914, serving until 1919; he is now a trustee of this organization. From 1919 to 1920, he was president of the Franklin Savings Bank, Boston. In 1920 he was called to the presidency of the Mechanics National Bank of Worcester, being installed in office January 11, 1921, a post which he still holds. Mr. Washburn has made a genuine vocation of banking, being attracted to it, as has many another leader, by the clear realization of the important part the profession plays in the modern world, and the knowledge that a sound financial system and sound financial institutions are the basis of national prosperity. He has the ability and the character, the sound judgment of business values and trends, and the courage to back what his knowledge and judgment dictates to the utmost limit, which are some of the characteristics of the successful banker. To his experience of executive in financial institutions has been added that of assistant national bank examiner, Boston, and bank commissioner of Massachusetts. He is a director of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, Worcester; the Worcester Consolidated Street Car Railway, Worcester Morris Plan Bank, Worcester Electric Light Company, and the Merchants and Farmers Insurance Company. Something of his interest in the cause of education is reflected by his trusteeship of Clark University. Among his clubs are numbered the Worcester, Commonwealth, Tatnuck Country, all of Worcester, and the Algonquin, Boston. He is a Republican in his party allegiance, and a Unitarian in his religious faith.

Mr. Washburn married, on November 2, 1902, at Boston, Jessie Bailey of that city, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn were the parents of three children: Rodney, since 1928 the cashier of the Mechanics National Bank of Worcester; Elizabeth; and Gordon B.

The Mechanics National Bank dates as an institution from June 15, 1848, when it was organized as The Mechanics Bank. During the early Civil War period when under government control, the National Banks System was evolved and put into force, the Mechanics Bank became, on March 14, 1865, the Mechanics National Bank, of Worcester, and has since so continued. The original capitalization was $50,000; the present location of the bank is at No. 303 Main Street. A full list of its leading officials from its inception, and the present officers and board of directors is as follows:

PRESIDENTS

Alexander DeWitt, July 25, 1848, to Oct. 3, 1855.
F. H. Dewey, Oct. 3, 1855, to Oct. 9, 1857.
Alexander DeWitt, Oct. 9, 1857, to June 11, 1858.
Henry Goulding, June 11, 1858, to Oct. 6, 1859.
Alexander DeWitt, Oct. 6, 1859, to Oct. 9, 1860.
Harrison Bliss, Oct. 9, 1860, to Jan. 9, 1883.
Chas. W. Smith, Jan. 9, 1883, to Jan. 8, 1884.
O. S. Messinger, Jan. 8, 1884, to Jan. 8, 1889.
F. H. Dewey, Jan. 8, 1889, to Jan. 11, 1921.
F. B. Washburn, Jan. 11, 1921, to

CASHIERS

Parley Hammond, July 25, 1848, to July 10, 1854.
Scotto Berry, Jr., July 10, 1854, to Feb. 1, 1866.
George E. Merrill, Feb. 1, 1866, to April 9, 1901.
A. H. Stone, April 9, 1901, to Jan. 11, 1921.
N. C. Keyes, Jan. 11, 1921, to Feb. 6, 1928.
Rodney Washburn, 1928 to

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Chairman—Francis H. Dewey.
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Vice-President—Samuel A. Ellsworth.
Vice-President—Edgar L. Ramsdell.
Vice-President—Alice F. Sheehan.
Cashier—Rodney Washburn.
Solicitor—Francis H. Dewey, Jr.

RODNEY WASHBURN—A member of the younger banking coterie of Worcester, Massachusetts, Rodney Washburn has identified himself with the interests of his adopted city. He was born at Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, September 17, 1903, the son of Frederic Baldwin and Jessie (Bailey) Washburn. In the biography of the elder Mr. Washburn, published in connection with this review, further details of the family history are given.

Rodney Washburn was educated in the public schools of Worcester, attending the high school during the years 1916 to 1919. In the Newton High School he prepared for college during the following year, being graduated from this institution in 1920. Matriculating at Williams College, he was graduated with the class of 1924, holding the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In the summer of that year he became associated with the First National Bank of Boston, remaining until 1927. In 1927 he came with the Mechanics National Bank of Worcester, as assistant cashier, and was appointed cashier in 1928, a post he has held since that time.

Mr. Washburn has never permitted his interest in business to dull his zest for the many activities of life. His college fraternity is the Zeta Psi; he is a member of the University and Worcester clubs, and finds recreation at the Tatnuck Country Club.

HARRISON G. TAYLOR—As a banker, Harrison G. Taylor is well known in the city of Worcester, where practically all his life has been spent, and where since 1927, he has been serving as treasurer of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank.

Harrison G. Taylor was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on July 17, 1884, son of Henry W., who died in 1888, and Matilda G. (Fall) Taylor, who died in 1925, both members of well-known Massachusetts families. He was educated in the public schools of Worcester and very early in life began his business career as a messenger in the

Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank. That first "job" was the beginning of his lifelong work as a banker and served as the proverbial "stepping stone" to success, for from that time to the present (1933) he has retained his association with the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank. He served in one position after another and learned every phase of work of that institution. In 1917 he was made assistant treasurer, and on January 28, 1927, he was elected treasurer, succeeding Myron F. Converse.

Along wth his banking activities, Mr. Taylor has found time to develop a very decided musical talent and has become an accomplished violinist. He is well known in the Worcester County Musical Association, famous for its annual music festivals in which appear great artists and wonderfully trained choruses, and through that association he has contributed substantially to the cultural and musical life of the city. For several years he has served as treasurer of the association and both his financial training and his musical ability have been freely contributed for the advancement of the service which the association has rendered.

Mr. Taylor's Masonic affiliations are Morning Star Lodge, of which he is a Past Master, Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Worcester Club, Worcester Country Club, Kiwanis Club, and Worcester Economic Club. His religious affiliation is with the First Baptist Church of Worcester.

Harrison G. Taylor was married, June 17, 1916, to Violet F. Legg of Worcester, Massachusetts, daughter of William and Edna (Harrington) Legg. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have three children: Edna H., born December 4, 1918; Harrison G., Jr., born July 4, 1921; Elizabeth, born August 16, 1927. The family home is located at No. 16 Willard Avenue in Worcester.

JUDGE ARTHUR PRENTICE RUGG—The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is notable for its eminent jurists, of whom Arthur Prentice Rugg, present Chief Justice of its Supreme Court, lives up to the traditions of the past. A lawyer of exceptional gifts and achievements, for a period of nearly four decades he has been a public servant, and during the last quarter century has sat upon the Supreme Court bench. He is a native New Englander, born at Sterling, Massachusetts, August 20, 1862, son of Prentice Mason and Cynthia (Ross) Rugg. The American progenitors of both the Ross and the Rugg families arrived in this country in the third quarter of the sixteen hundreds.

The young man was given the best schooling the public institutions afforded, but it was mainly because of personal qualities of mind and ambition that he made his way to Amherst College, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1883. Matriculating at Boston University, he was graduated from its law department in 1886 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Over a period of years he has been honored with the degree of Doctor of Laws, by Amherst in 1908, Harvard in 1914, Boston University in 1923, and Williams in 1924.

Mr. Rugg, his collegiate training over, and duly admitted to the bar, 1886, hung out his shingle and began the practice of his profession in association with the Honorable John R. Thayer, with whom he was later a partner. Always the student, these early days were days of accumulation of further legal knowledge of the understanding of humanity, of experience. A Republican in his political allegiance, he was active in the campaigns of his party and came to have standing as a party worker. He had identified himself with the various activities of Worcester as a normal young lawyer and a genuinely civic-minded citizen. In 1895 he was chosen by his city to serve on the Common Council. From 1895 to 1897 he served as Assistant District Attorney; from 1897 to 1906, he was City Solicitor of Worcester. On September 27, 1906, he was installed Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and so continued until September 20, 1911, when he was made Chief Justice of this court. Such in brief is the record of Judge Rugg's career as public servant and jurist. Only the judge himself can clothe this outline with flesh and blood and make alive the years which brought about the development of an unfledged lawyer to a jurist of high standing, esteemed of his colleagues, a recognized authority in law and jurisprudence. Judge Rugg is inclined to say that his achievements are simply the result of work and good fortune.

No single sphere of activity has been enough to engage all of Judge Rugg's interest and attention. His civic services of young manhood have never been discontinued. He is ever ready to lend a hand in any worthy welfare or humanitarian movement. In an unostentatious way, he is a philanthropist, however much he might object to so large a word for deeds done personally and without show. He has been prominent in the affairs of New England institutions of higher education as a trustee of Boston University, 1909 to 1922, and of Clark University, since 1909, and of Amherst College, since 1917. He is, or has been a member, and some time official of the local, State and American Law associations, and is a member of the American Law Institute. Judge Rugg is a member of the Council of the American Antiquarian Society, a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

On April 10, 1889, Judge Rugg married Florence May Belcher, of Worcester, Massachusetts. Judge and Mrs. Rugg are the parents of four children: Charles Belcher, Arthur Prentice, Esther Cynthia, and Donald Sterling, now deceased.

DANIEL W. LINCOLN—As United States Referee in Bankruptcy for Worcester County, Daniel W. Lincoln, one of the most prominent exponents of the legal profession in the State, has achieved an excellent record, in the opinion of the bench and bar. He is president of the Worcester County Bar Association, a former municipal and State legislator, a veteran officer of the World War, and in many ways is identified with the development and progress of industry, finance and the arts in this county.

Born in Worcester, September 2, 1882, Daniel W. Lincoln is a son of Waldo and Fanny (Chandler) Lincoln, both parents natives of Massachusetts. He prepared for college at Pomfret School,

Connecticut, entered Harvard, graduating in 1904, and from the law school in 1907.

Admitted to the bar in this county in 1907, he at once began practice in his home city, where he has since continued to be professionally engaged. He has come forward rapidly in the ranks of his legal brethren and in the esteem and confidence of the judiciary and his clients to a front-line position in the local, county and State bars. It was in 1921 that he was appointed United States Referee in Bankruptcy for this district, as the successor of Charles F. Aldrich, and in this position he has since won the approbation of the Federal Department of Justice, while adding to the good reputation in which he is held by the members of the bar and those for whom he renders decisions and findings as referee. His professional associations include the American Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, and the Worcester County Bar Association, of which he is president.

His legal services have brought him into official relationship with a number of important corporations. He was appointed receiver for the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company in 1931; is trustee and auditor of the Worcester County Institution for Saving, president of the Bay State Stamping Company, treasurer of the Worcester Children's Friend Society, treasurer and secretary of the Wetherill House, and an incorporator of the Worcester Art Museum. He has served as a member of the Worcester Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and as a representative in the State Legislature from 1915 to 1917. He enlisted for the World War and was commissioned a first lieutenant, serving overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, 76th Infantry Division, and later with the 301st Infantry Regiment. He is a member of the American Legion.

A member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, he is also a member of the American Antiquarian Society, the Worcester Fire Society, the Players Club, of which last-named organization he is president (1931, 1932-33), the Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, and the First Unitarian Church, which he also serves as moderator.

Daniel W. Lincoln married, in 1917, Harriet Brayton Nichols, of this city, daughter of Dr. Charles L. Nichols. They have a son, Brayton Lincoln, born July 25, 1923. Mr. Lincoln has his law suite in the Slater Building, and the family home is 39 Cedar Street, Worcester.

HON. FRANCIS ALMON GASKILL—The high tradition for learning, ability and integrity of members of the Massachusetts bench and bar was exemplified abundantly in the career of the late Hon. Francis Almon Gaskill, who for a score of years graced the Superior Judicial Court. One of Worcester's first citizens, his people delighted to do him honor. He achieved a long and useful public record, including service on the Worcester Common Council and as district attorney. Officially associated with educational and financial institutions, he gave of his many fine qualities in their interest.

Judge Gaskill was born in Mendon, in what now is the town of Blackstone, Worcester County, January 3, 1846, a son of Albert and Anna Smith (Comstock) Gaskill. After attending the public schools in his native town, he took a preparatory course in the Woonsocket (Rhode Island) High School, and entered Brown University, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1866. The following year he was a private tutor for a family in Newport, Rhode Island. He then enrolled as a student at Harvard Law School, and after a year and a half left the school, to continue his studies in the law office of Hon. George F. Verry.

Admitted to the bar in 1869, he later became a partner of Mr. Verry under the style of Verry and Gaskill, the arrangement continuing until the death of Mr. Verry in 1883. Afterward he was a partner of Horace Verry, a stepson of his former partner, and remained as such for ten years. As a trial lawyer he made an enviable name for himeslf. Thoroughly grounded in knowledge of the law, he supplemented this with a persuasive manner of speech, a dignity of deportment, and a high degree of fidelity in the preparation and presentation of his cases that were elements of his success. But these were not all his qualities; he had a strong and pleasing personality, by which he won confidence and friendship on the part of jurors and others of his hearing; he manifested a kindly attitude, was democratic, frank and open-hearted. He was practically always assured of a large gallery of his legal brethren and of the lay public when it became known he was to appear in court as counsel in some important case.

His notable public career had its inception in 1875, in which year he was elected to a seat in the Worcester Common Council. He again was chosen a member of that body in 1886. It was in 1886 that he was the choice of the electors for district attorney for the Middle District of Massachusetts, and through successive reëlections he held the office until 1895, in which year he resigned to accept an appointment to the Superior Court. A happy trait of his character was evidenced on an occasion during his tenure as district attorney. He went to the trouble of making his way upstairs to the old editorial rooms of the "Worcester Spy," solely for the purpose of seeking out or learning the name of the reporter who covered the famous Kimball trial in 1891, that he might compliment the young man for his accurate and excellent work. His stay on the bench was characterized in an even fuller degree by intelligent devotion to duty, eminent fairness to all the parties in a case, and by one of his outstanding qualities—gentlemanliness—to counsel on either side, to the jurors and court officers. Lawyers, as a rule, were pleased to bring their cases into the court over which he was chosen to preside.

In the days before he went on the bench, he made a reputation as an earnest and active Republican, as a campaign speaker and as an orator enlisted to speak on important public occasions. He was affiliated with the important bar associations, in which his presence was always welcome. For a number of years he was a director of the Free Public Library of Worcester, and served as president of the board in 1888. He was honored with election to the boards of trustees of Worcester Academy and Brown University. From his *alma mater*, Brown University, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1899, and afterward the same institution made him a Fellow of the university. He also became president of the board

of trustees of Worcester Academy. He held the office of vice-president of the Peoples Savings Bank and that of director of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company. He was a member of the Club of Odd Volumes, of Boston; the University Club of Boston, the Worcester Club, and the Tatnuck Country Club.

Hon. Francis Almon Gaskill married (first), in 1869, Katherine M. Whitaker, who died in 1889. He married (second) Josephine L. Abbott, daughter of Joseph and Phebe Abbott, of Providence, Rhode Island. By the first marriage there are two children: 1. Mary M., who died in 1908. 2. George Anthony (q. v.). In all his lines of ancestry, Judge Gaskill was descended from good old English Puritan stock resident in New England. He was of the ninth generation from the family pioneer, Edward Gaskill, a ship carpenter, who came from England to Salem, Massachusetts, in 1636, or earlier, according to the family historian. From this Edward the line of descent is through Samuel, Samuel (2), Samuel (3), Ebenezer, Peter, Lebbeus, Albert, to Francis Almon Gaskill. Judge Gaskill passed away at his home in Worcester in 1909, his loss mourned by the people of city and county and by the members of the legal profession which he had so signally adorned.

GEORGE ANTHONY GASKILL—Member of a law firm said to be one of the strongest, if not the strongest, of the legal combinations of Worcester County, George A. Gaskill, by inheritance and choice, is a representative of the profession in which he has distinguished himself for many years. The son of a prominent justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court, now deceased, he continues to carry forward the fine family tradition for coöperation with those movements that tend to the betterment of Worcester, both county and city. Mr. Gaskill is identified officially and in an advisory capacity with prominent financial institutions, and is actively interested in educational advance, serving as treasurer and trustee of Worcester Academy.

Born in Worcester, June 4, 1877, George Anthony Gaskill is a son of Judge Francis Almon and Katherine M. (Whitaker) Gaskill; the former, deceased in 1909, was an honored member of the Superior Court bench for a decade and a half; and the latter died in 1889. After passing through the public schools of his native city, the son George Anthony entered Worcester Academy, where he prepared for college and graduated in 1894. He made his baccalaureate at Brown University, class of 1898, and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1901. Admitted to the bar at a sitting of court in this county in 1901, he at once entered upon his professional career.

He at first practiced in the office of Herbert Parker, former Attorney General of Massachusetts, and subsequently practiced in his own name. Still later he helped form, with Frank C. Smith, the firm of Smith & Gaskill. Eventually Charles M. Thayer was received as a member of the firm, the style of which was expanded to Thayer, Smith and Gaskill, and as such it has since been known. This firm enjoys a wide reputation for the successful handling of many important cases and it commands a large and select clientage. Attorney Gaskill is a member of the American Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, and Worcester County Bar Association.

His prominence in financial affairs is attested by the fact of filling the offices of president of the People's Savings Bank of Worcester, director of the Worcester County National Bank, director of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, and director of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company. He is also connected with other corporations. He was elected a member of the board of trustees of Worcester Academy in 1905 and to the office of treasurer in 1909, having held both these positions to the present time (1932). During the World War period he was actively engaged in relief work, serving as chairman of the executive committee of the Worcester Red Cross Society, vice-chairman of the New England Red Cross Society, Worcester County chairman of the War Savings Stamps Campaign, as a member of the Draft Board under the Selective Service Act, and as a campaigner in all the Liberty Loan Drives. For ten years he was at the head of the Worcester Golden Rule drive. He was affiliated with the "Blue" Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the American Antiquarian Society, the Club of Odd Volumes, of Boston; Worcester Club and Tatnuck Country Club. He is one of the outstanding churchmen of Worcester, senior warden of All Saints Episcopal Church, of this city, and holding also the office of chancellor of the Western Massachusetts Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

George Anthony Gaskill married, June 1, 1905, Caroline Dewey Nichols, the daughter of Dr. Charles L. Nichols, and their children follow: 1. Charles Francis, graduated from Harvard University Law School in 1932 and is now associated with the firm of Thayer, Smith and Gaskill. 2. George Anthony, Jr. 3. Katharine Mortimer, who graduated from Miss Hall's School in 1932. 4. Caroline N., a student at the Bancroft School. Mr. Gaskill has his office with his law firm in the State Mutual Building, and the family residence is No. 30 Fruit Street, Worcester.

WILLIAM BACON SCOFIELD—Few men in the history of Worcester have played a more prominent part in the business, cultural and civic life of the community than William Bacon Scofield, who, as a writer, editor, business man and artist, contributed abundantly to the welfare and happiness of this city.

Mr. Scofield was born in Hartford, Connecticut, February 8, 1865, the son of James Monroe and Madilia (Hoche) Scofield. When he was only a year old, the family moved to Worcester, and he received his general education in the public schools here, as well as attending Adams Academy for the purpose of preparing himself to enter Harvard University. He also studied under Dr. William Everett, headmaster of the former institution, and entered Harvard with the class of 1887, remaining in the college less than three years and attending the law school there for one year. During his collegiate career he was one of the most popular students of the university, acting as secretary of his class, manager of the class baseball team, one of the original members of the first faculty-student advisory board on athletics and a

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member of the Hasty Pudding Club and Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

Shortly after completing his education here he became a reporter for the Worcester "Evening Gazette," edited at the time by the late Charles H. Doe. He soon became city editor for the publication and remained at this post until 1892, when he became treasurer of the Worcester Thread Company, a position he maintained until 1900, when this concern was sold to the Linen Thread Company of America. Three years later he became associated with his brother-in-law, the late Edward Davis Thayer, in the manufacture of weaving machinery, being operated under the firm name of the Crompton-Thayer Loom Company. In 1907 this business was sold to the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works. During his business career with this concern Mr. Scofield also purchased an interest in the Standard Fibre Company of Somerville, Massachusetts, and still retained this affiliation in the capacity of director at the time of his death.

The latter part of his life he devoted to writing and developing his sculptural talents under one of the foremost artists in this type of work in the world, Gutzon Borglum. He published two books of verse during this period, illustrated with pictorial reproductions of his work in clay.

His multifarious activities linked him with many of the leading social and civic organizations, not only of Worcester, but also of some of the large Eastern cities. He served as president of the Omar Khayyam Club of America, was founder of the Scribblers Club, and held memberships in the following organizations: the National Press Club of Washington, District of Columbia; the Boston Authors Club; the Edgartown Yacht Club, the Yellow Label Club; the Worcester Fire Society; the Harvard Club of Boston; the Quinsigamond Boat Club and the Association of Mutual Aid in Detecting Thieves.

In December, 1919, Mr. Scofield married Mrs. Myrtis Sigourney Harrington, widow of Gilbert H. Harrington, who was the founder and president of the Harrington and Richardson Arms Company.

Mr. Scofield passed away January 22, 1930. His death deprived the community of one of its most intelligent and gifted citizens who throughout life came to be loved and admired for his genial personality, his sincere appreciation of the beautiiful and the kindness he exhibited towards his fellowmen.

EDWARD DAVIS THAYER—The history of the industries of Worcester could not be written comprehensively without repeated mention of Edward Davis Thayer, of whom it has been said that "he was one of the most prominent woolen manufacturers in the East and probably the largest individual woolen manufacturer in the United States." His interest in the city, of which he was a native son and to the development of which he was keenly devoted, was constructive and of eminent importance. There were, indeed, few phases of life, industrial, financial, civic, humanitarian and social, in which he did not play an outstanding rôle.

Edward Davis Thayer was born in Worcester, June 24, 1856, a son of Edward Davis Thayer, Sr., and Ellen M. (Darling) Thayer. The father was also prominent in the woolen industry, was born in Mendon, July 22, 1822, and died in Worcester, May 12, 1903. In 1849 he went in business for himself, making woolen goods in Burrillville, Rhode Island, and later became a partner of Moses Buffum at North Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and manufactured black woolen cloth until 1855, when Mr. Thayer sold his interests in the industry. For a short time thereafter he was associated as a minor partner with the Slater Company in Webster, Massachusetts. Not long after the beginning of the Civil War, Mr. Thayer, about 1863, was sent to England to purchase machinery for the Washington Mills at Lawrence, Massachusetts, whose factories were then under construction. Subsequently, for two years, he served these mills, which later became the nucleus of the American Woolen Company, as agent. In 1865 he came to Worcester, where for two decades he was a manufacturer of woolens. He married Ellen M. Darling, who died on May 16, 1887, and they were the parents of four children: 1. Albert S. 2. Edward Davis, Jr., of whom further. 3. Ellen Olive (Mrs. Samuel H. Clary.) 4. Ernest L., newspaperman, manufacturer, traveler and the author of that baseball epic "Casey at the Bat."

The grandfather of Edward Davis Thayer, of this review, Henry Thayer, was born in Mendon, November 3, 1777, and died July 7, 1824; he was a merchant, farmer and tavern-keeper. He married, September 3, 1800, Urana Thompson, daughter of Edward Thompson, of Mendon. She died August 29, 1859, aged eighty years. Henry Thayer was one of the sixth generation from the pioneer of the Thayer family in this country. Thomas Thayer came with his brother, Richard Thayer, from Thornbury, England, and settled in Braintree, Massachusetts. They were shoemakers by trade. Thomas Thayer came before 1639 and died June 2, 1665; he married, at Thornbury, in 1618, Margery Wheeler. The line of ancestry is: Edward D. (7), Henry (6), Peletia (5), John (4), Captain Thomas (3), Ferdinando (2), who was a son of Thomas (1), mentioned above. Ferdinando Thayer was a soldier in King Philip's War and was the first of the family in Mendon. Mr. Thayer was descended in most, if not all, his other lines of ancestry from the old Colonial settlers of Massachusetts. Among those pioneers was Henry Adams, ancestor of the Presidents, John and John Quincy Adams.

Edward Davis Thayer, the younger, whose name heads this review, prepared for college in the Worcester High School, entered Lawrence Scientific School of Harvard University at the age of sixteen and was graduated with the highest honors *(summa cum laude)* in 1876, receiving the degree of Civil Engineer. He excelled in scholarship, led his class in mathematics, and was a remarkable all-round athlete, the strongest member of the 'varsity crew in 1876, although the youngest. The combination of a remarkable mind in a sound body possibly accounts, in part, for his success in mature life.

As was customary in the leading families of that period, Mr. Thayer's education was supplemented with a grand tour of Europe. And in the same fashion, when he returned home, it was not to idleness, but to good, hard work in the learning of whatsoever profession or business he chose. His choice was the woolen industry, and to the end that he might learn this in all its phases, he became associated with his father in mills located

in Cherry Valley and the Slater Mills at Webster. Three years after his graduation he went in business for himself in the Hunt Mills in Cherry Valley. Under his direction the business expanded so quickly that he leased the Bottomly Mill, also located in Cherry Valley, and the mill at Tatnuck, and as a member of the firm of Avery and Thayer began the manufacture of a very high-grade of woolens at the Norfolk Mill in Dedham. Eight years after entering the business, he retired from the operation of these smaller mills and purchased the large Ashworth and Jones Mill in Cherry Valley and operated it the remainder of his life. He acquired a controlling interest in the Worcester Woolen Mill Company, formerly known as the Adriatic Mills, acting as its president and treasurer. In 1896 he extended his interests still further by purchasing the Harding Mills of Edgar Harding of the firm of Harding and Whitman. This property was on the Charles River, one of the oldest mill sites in the country. This he operated for the manufacture of woolen cloth and the dyeing and preparation of cotton, under the names of the Merchants' Woolen Mill and Merchants' Dye Works. He was one of the partners in the Crompton-Thayer Loom Works of this city, which just before his death was purchased by the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works. In the loom business he exhibited a remarkable ingenuity for the construction and development of the loom and other textile machinery. He invented a shuttle change-motion, which effected such an improvement in fancy looms that the weaver was able to run four looms where he had previously run two.

Mr. Thayer was a director of the Worcester Trust Company and a trustee of the Worcester County Institution for Savings, and had been previously a director of the City National Bank. He was a member of the Worcester Club, the Commonwealth Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Grafton Country Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club, the Eastern Yacht Club of Marblehead and the Country Club of Brookline. He was fond of physical exercise and the out-of-doors all his life. His farm in Holden appealed to his love of the soil and the things that grew upon it. His yacht bore him to many loved places along the Atlantic Coast. He had a summer estate near Boston, and his Worcester residence on Elm Street was the house built by Jonas G. Clark, the founder of Clark University.

On July 10, 1884, Edward Davis Thayer married Florence, daughter of James M. and Madilia (Hoche) Scofield, and they were the parents of a son, Scofield, born in Worcester, December 12, 1889.

Edward Davis Thayer died on July 17, 1907, in Worcester. It was written of him: "His death in the prime of life was a great loss to the city and State. His energy and ability were remarkable. He achieved a record of great success in a very difficult field; he was an expert in his line of business, one of the best judges of woolen goods and of the materials used in his mills; possessing thorough knowledge of every mechanical operation and an apparently instinctive and unerring judgment of the capacity of men serving under him." What he accomplished has become a part of the fabric of the life and history of New England and the Nation, and the positive value of his achievements must abide so long as the Republic endures. To the generation which took up the work where he left off his career may well serve as an example and inspiration .

Scofield Thayer attended Milton Academy and was graduated from Harvard University in 1913, the recipient of both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Arts. In October of 1913 he matriculated at Oxford in Magdalen College. In 1915 he returned to America and for a period of years was editor of "The Dial," a magazine acknowledged to be a leader in the field of modern letters and art.

JOHN E. WHITE—Banker, public official and man of large affairs, John E. White has been a prominent figure in Worcester and Massachusetts life for many years. As president of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company and of several business enterprises, he directed their affairs with conspicuous success, while to his duties as an officer of the State, he brought the same ability and energy which distinguished his business career. Although in recent years he has relinquished many of his responsibilities, he continues his influence through his varied and important connections.

Mr. White was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, on December 13, 1873. He received his education in Massachusetts schools and began his active career, as an office boy, in the National Pemberton Bank. Through the merit of his services he won gradual promotion and finally was called to the position of cashier of the Martha's Vineyard National Bank when only twenty-one years of age. He was promoted from time to time and in 1905 became president of this bank. In 1915 he came to Worcester as president of the Worcester National Bank, continuing his connection with this institution after it was merged with Worcester Trust Company to form the Worcester Bank and Trust Company. Over a period of years he was chairman of the board of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, and his leadership was a decisive factor in its continued growth and success. In October, 1932, he retired as chairman of the board.

Mr. White has been interested in many other Worcester enterprises. He was formerly president and is now a director of the Denholm and McKay Department Store of Worcester, and of the Graton and Knight Company. He is a director of the Worcester Street Railways, the New England Steamship Company, and the Wyman-Gordon Company.

In spite of the many demands which business makes upon him, Mr. White has given much time and effort to the service of the State and to various civic movements. In 1905 he was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, being elected to that body as a Republican while living in Martha's Vineyard. In 1910-11 he was a member of the State Senate, and in 1912-13 occupied the office of State Auditor. In all these offices he met his duties with fidelity and efficiency, considering their performance no less worthy of his best efforts than his own affairs. Mr. White's broad business and financial experience, his demonstrated soundness of judgment have been of great value to every institution with which he has been associated. His public spirit is unquestioned and he has always used his influence wisely for the benefit of his State and city as a whole. He is a member of the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club of Worcester, and is a former presi-

dent of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of all the higher bodies including the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree.

In October, 1895, John E. White married Martha Hosmer Proctor, of Billerica, Massachusetts. They are the parents of one daughter, Katharine Proctor.

IRVING HERBERT VERRY, director and vice-president of the Crompton and Knowles Company, is a self-made man and in the main a self-taught engineer, who has run the whole gamut of offices in the corporation above-mentioned. He was born October 11, 1873, the son of Herbert W. and Jessie W. (Clark) Verry, both of whom are now deceased. He was educated in the public schools, and as a lad of seventeen began the association with the Crompton and Knowles Company which has continued to the present.

Mr. Verry's first job was that of apprentice in the drafting room of the concern, and he was fortunate in finding something to do which interested him greatly. That interest, no doubt, was based on native talents and abilities, but he not only showed an aptitude for his work, but a willingness to do more than was asked of him. It is said of him that his insatiable desire for knowledge always led him into doing not only the task that was his, but that of some other employee. Whatever the reason, the youthful Mr. Verry learned more about the industry than his own department taught, and he was assigned to this section and that of the business, eventually being transferred to the engineering department. Here he remained for about a decade, and was then elevated to the sales engineering department, the general sales, and in 1913 was made a secretary of the development board and a director. In 1917 he was elected vice-president, which post he now holds. Mr. Verry was one of the originators of the "Development Board" established in 1917, probably one of, if not the chief, constructive factor in the success of the corporation.

Mr. Verry has been but little inclined to lodges and purely social organizations unconnected with his work. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Worcester Club, and finds outlet for his liking for sports and recreation as a member of the Tatnuck Country and the Kittansett Country clubs. He, in an unostentatious way, is active in civic and welfare movements, and constructively interested in the promotion of the progress of Worcester. But it must be said as in the beginning, that he is best known for his long experience and original research and work in the mechanical and sales engineering of his business.

In 1904, Irving Herbert Verry married Harriet Frances Tyler, of Clinton, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of three daughters, all of whom are now college graduates: 1. Rosamond, the wife of William B. Holmsley, and the mother of a daughter, Natica Holmsley. 2. Deborah. 3. Virginia.

IRVING T. F. RING—The business and professional career of Irving T. F. Ring, counsel of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, has been almost wholly associated with that large corporation. He is a native of Maine, born July 9, 1897, son of John G. and Ada M. (Fogg) Ring, the former of whom was for many years prominent in the granite quarrying industry of Mount Desert Island in Maine. He also was of Maine birth and died in 1932; Mrs. Ring was born at Norwood, Massachusetts, and is still a resident of the State.

Irving T. F. Ring was educated in the public graded and high schools, and Boston University. He entered the employ of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company shortly after he had reached his majority, and functioned well in the claim department of the corporation for several years. He realized, however, that with the proper technical training, he could hold a higher post and one more suited to his capabilities. To this end Mr. Ring studied law in Northeastern College and was graduated with the class of 1923, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. For a year he engaged in a general practice of his profession, in the meantime making a concentrated study of the legal side of the life insurance business. In 1924 he returned to the State Mutual Life as assistant to Chandler Bullock, general counsel, and who in 1927 became president of the company and Mr. Ring succeeded him as head of this department.

During the World War Mr. Ring served in the United States Navy. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of all bodies including the Blue Lodge and all the Scottish Rite bodies including the Consistory, in which he has attained the 32d degree. His principal club is the Exchange Club, and he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, both of Worcester. He is a member of the Tatnuck Country Club. He keeps up professional connections with his colleagues in the law as a member of the Worcester County, the Massachusetts State and the American Bar associations. He is a member of the Massachusetts Historical and Genealogical Society, and deeply interested in history and the persons who assisted in making history. He is also a member of the Worcester Country Club, Worcester Congregational Society, of which he was treasurer for a number of years, and of the Worcester Central Association, of which he is now treasurer. Of Worcester he is justly proud and in an unostentatious fashion, a genuine promoter of its development.

In 1923 Irving T. F. Ring married Miriam I. Manning, a native of Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Gardner M., born September 14, 1924. 2. Gretchen L., born October 17, 1928.

"WORCESTER EVENING POST"—To tell in a few paragraphs the story of a great newspaper is as feasible as painting a large canvas with a fountain pen. Chronologically, the "Worcester Evening Post" was born September 23, 1891, fathered by Attorney John H. Johnson and cared for by a group of nurses known as "The Post Printing Company." This name was changed to the Worcester Post Company, with editorial and business offices located in the old postoffice building on Pearl Street. The printing plant was housed in a store on Church Street, and the press used was of the simplest "country" kind. Early

in 1892 two practical printers, Oscar H. Wiggin and William W. Knight bought shares in the company, and offices were moved to what was later used by the Worcester Market as a store house. The first seven years of its existence brought no luck in that Biblical period and number.

In the autumn of 1898, Eugene W. Moriarty took over the whole organization, and in February, 1899, the plant was removed to Nos. 559-61 Main Street, better known as Franklin Square. Three linotype machines and a new printing press were purchased, the latter capable of turning out eight pages seven columns wide. On June 17, 1907, the "Post" had a battery of seven linotypes, a twenty-four page Goss press, capable of putting out a twelve page paper at the rate of 25,000 per hour. At that time the "Post" was the only afternoon paper printed in English, published in Central Massachusetts, which had a certificate of examination of American Advertisers. The date June 17, 1907, is mentioned because it is the day on which the "Post" issued a forty-page paper, genuine evidence that the baby had grown up. Mr. Moriarty was a former member of the State Legislature who had given up a promising political career to devote himself to journalism. He promoted many projects which were of help to Worcester, published a live paper which grew in favor. Although Peter A. Conlin was associated with him in the company, and Fred McPherson, of Boston, was editor-in-chief, the policies of the "Post" and its success were mainly Mr. Moriarty's. He died in 1907, greatly mourned by a city who appreciated his worth. Mrs. Moriarty remained in control of the "Post" during the following seven years and did a splendid job of her difficult task.

In February, 1914, John H. Fahey, then manager of the Associated Press, and a former publisher of the "Boston Traveler," purchased the interests of Mrs. Moriarty and Mrs. Peter A. Conlin, which marked the beginning of another stage in the development of the "Post." Mr. Fahey was experienced in the managing of metropolitan journals of the first class, and under his régime the "Worcester Post" progressed until it has now one of the most modern newspaper plants in a city the size of Worcester. It owns and occupies a building on Federal Street constructed for its particular needs to which it moved August 19, 1916. Fast and large machinery and presses have been installed to meet the constantly increasing requirements. The third floor of the "Post Building" was taken over for use by the paper in 1922. On July 1 of that same year it published one of the finest editions ever issued by a Worcester paper in connection with the two hundredth anniversary celebration. Ownership of the building by the "Post" was effected January 1, 1926. In 1931 the fortieth anniversary of the "Post" was celebrated with an appropriate edition.

The "Post" specializes on printing the news, not only that of Worcester and the contiguous territory, but also of the State and world, and of all phases of human activity. From the physical standpoint, it issues daily the equivalent of a 320-page book. In a year, 4,000,000 pounds of paper, or eighty carloads are used, and 50,000 pounds of ink. For the daily production and distribution of the "Post" it requires the services of two hundred employees and 575 carriers. The management and editorial staff of "The Worcester Evening Post" includes: Administrative: John H. Fahey, president and publisher; James J. Conroy, treasurer and general manager, and William F. Lucey, secretary, Editorial: George T. Richardson, editor; Clarence L. Wilson, managing editor, and William J. Larkin, city editor. Circulation: Harold H. Sloan, circulating manager. Advertising department: Joseph H. Powers, director of advertising; John J. Sullivan, Jr., national advertising manager; James C. Hourihan, creative advertising manager; Fred H. Snyder, office manager. Mechanical departments: Martin B. Casey, superintendent of composing room; Charles F. Trainor, superintendent of stereotype department, and John H. Shays, superintendent of press room.

The modern newspaper is far more than a mere purveyor of news. It is a constructive force in the development and betterment of the community. It attacks evil, of whatever sort, and sponsors drives, campaigns, activities of a charitable, civic, humanitarian, political character. The "Post" launched the campaign and contributed the sales of one day's papers to purchase a clubhouse for the Worcester Boys' Club; it also, in 1915, established The Post Christmas Club, which brought happiness to unfortunate youngsters all over the city. It sponsored movements for a better fire-alarm system, the elimination of grade crossings, better streets, the control of public utilities, and countless others. The people of Worcester owe the "Post" a debt of gratitude for the fight it waged for lower electric and gas rates. It stood alone in this lengthy battle, but won, and fifty thousand were benefited to the amount of $3,000,000 savings. It made the long campaign for the building of a municipal auditorium, which is about to become a reality. During the World War period, "The Post's" contribution to all the many activities of that time were exceedingly valuable, and even before that event it was instrumental in looking after Worcester's soldiers on the Mexican Border, even as it later in a thousand ways kept the boys in the camps and overseas always in the minds and hearts of the citizens of the city.

Instances such as have been mentioned of the "Post" and its relation to the life and affairs of Worcester might be multiplied without end. Enough have been indicated to show that it is something more than a newspaper, although among the very best of these. The daily journal must also serve the community, and the "Post" from its humble beginning in 1891 has devoted a full four decades to being of use to Worcester, and its present popularity is a testimony to its accomplishments for Worcester and its suburbs.

JOHN H. FAHEY—The city of Worcester is fortunate in being served journalistically by such a newspaper as the "Post" and even more so in having such a man as John H. Fahey, banker, industrialist, civic leader, for the president and publisher of that paper. He is a native of New Hampshire, born at Manchester, February 19, 1873, son of Patrick and Maria Fahey. His formal education ended with the high school, but this was only the foundation upon which he built the knowledge and scholarship for which he was well known. Either by chance or because of some inner urge, he became a reporter on the Manchester paper and

was started on a career which was to be full of color, carrying him to high places, and which was marked by remarkable achievements and success.

Mr. Fahey was the news editor of the Manchester Journal before he left to take the post of editor of the Eastern Associated Press, of which he was later the day manager, with headquarters at New Haven, Connecticut. In 1893 he was made the editor and day manager of the Associated Press, Boston; four years later he was the New England superintendent of the Associated Press, in which capacity he served from 1897 to 1903. During the period from 1903 to 1910 he was the editor and publisher of the "Boston Traveler." He was also the president of the Boston Traveler Company; vice-president of the Associated Press, 1909-10; and in February, 1914, Mr. Fahey purchased the principal interest in the "Worcester Post," of which he has since been the president and publisher. A brief history of the journal follows this review, and tells something of the further journalistic career of the power behind the throne.

Newspaper publishing, while undoubtedly the thing most to his liking, is but one phase of the varied activities of Mr. Fahey. He was president of the St. John's River Shipyard Company, at Jacksonville, Florida, from 1918 to 1920, and was always after deeply interested in the development of Florida. While connected with the Associated Press at Boston, he became an outstanding figure in the Boston Chamber of Commerce, of which he was, for nine years, a director. In 1911 he was chairman of the delegation from the Chambers of Commerce in the United States visiting the leading European cities. He was also a director and chairman of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, 1912-13; president of the organization, 1914-15; honorary vice-president, 1915-20; member of the senior council Chamber of Commerce of the United States, 1921-23. During the meanwhile, Mr. Fahey was chairman of the organizing committee of the International Chamber of Commerce, 1919-20; American director of the International body, 1921-33; chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, Chamber of Commerce, United States of America, and a member of the Inter-American High Commission since 1915. Mr. Fahey, in June, 1933, was appointed by President Roosevelt as a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. He is an honorary member of the American Chamber of Commerce, in Paris, France; honorary member of the Bolsa de Commercio de Buenoa Aires; and member of the National Economic League. The great service Mr. Fahey has done for the betterment of international commercial relations has been rewarded with the conferring upon him of honors by several foreign countries. He is a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, France, 1920; Commander of the Order of the Crown, Italy, 1920; Officer of the Order of the Golden Sheaf, China, 1916.

Turning again to his activities as a publisher, Mr. Fahey became president and publisher of the "Manchester Mirror" of that New Hampshire city; president of the Clarke Press of Manchester; was publisher of the "New York Evening Post," 1923. It is hardly necessary to state that he has been a constructive force in the advancement of the communities with which he has cast his lot as a publisher and citizen. Worcester has been his chief center of interest for many years, and he is proud of the city. He has showed this in being the agent to bring to it more improvements than any other one man. He would, undoubtedly, hasten to explain that he was able to do what he did because of the instrument he had in his hand, the "Post"; but that is, after all, only a partial explanation. Mr. Fahey is financially interested in numerous corporations. Among the clubs and associations of which he is a member might be added: Bankers' Club of New York; Exchange Club, Boston: Brae Burn and Tedesco Country clubs, Boston City, and the Economic of Boston. His religious faith is that of the Catholic Church.

On October 22, 1901, John H. Fahey married Margaret Quinn, of Boston, and they are the parents of two children: Margaret and Eleanor.

GEORGE TILTON RICHARDSON—It is still an unanswered question among those who know George Tilton Richardson, only by his works, whether he is at his best as a journalist, editor, author, or playwright. Those more fortunate who know him personally, insist that he is greatest as a civic-minded citizen and a man among men. He is a native Bostonian, the son of Nathaniel and Martha A. (Moore) Richardson, members of old New England families. He was educated in the famous Boston Latin School and Boston University. He took to writing as naturally as a duck takes to water, and even while he was a college undergraduate was managing to make something with his pen, or it may have been from his indefatigable energy in going after news. He ran through the whole range of jobs in a newspaper office and in 1888 was city editor of the "Boston Advertiser and Record," serving as such for three years. During 1891 and 1892 he was managing editor of the "Boston News"; went with the "Providence News" for 1892; and was dramatic critic and an editorial writer on the "Boston Traveler" from 1892 to 1894. Editor-in-chief of the "Boston Tribune" during 1907-08, he resigned to return again to the "Boston Traveler" as managing editor (1908-10). The years 1910-11 found him editing the "Human Life" magazine; and during 1912 and 1914 Mr. Richardson was editor of the Boston "Chamber of Commerce News." In 1914 he was called to the editorship of the "Worcester Evening Post" persuaded by John H. Fahey, publisher of the "Boston Traveler," who had just purchased the Worcester paper. Mr. Richardson has remained at the head of the editorial department of the "Worcester Post" and for its literary and journalistic qualities and policies is largely responsible, which is an indirect method of complimenting the achievements of Mr. Richardson, the editor.

One can but regret that Richardson, the author, is less well known to the average reader of fiction because he has permitted the duties of an editor to limit his creative writing in recent years. Among the books of which he is either the author or co-author are: "Miss Petticoats" (1902); "On Satan's Mount" (1903); "My Lady Laughter" (1904), all of which were great favorites of the lover of light fiction, and went through numerous editions; and that memorable series, "Letters of a Son to a Self-Made Father" (1904); "A Self-Made Man's Wife, Her Letters to Her Son" (1905); "The Golden

Greyhound" (1906); and "Meyer and Son" (1908). Mr. Richardson turned his "Miss Petticoats" into a most charming comedy, and followed its success upon the stage with "Little Red Riding Hood," "A Prince of Bohemia," "The Rainbow Chasers," and "Cloverdell."

While the average person cannot understand how the literary man finds the opportunity to write all that he does, the trained journalist and author always has time for something more. Mr. Richardson, while not particularly military in his tastes, served formerly on the staff of Major George S. Merrill, Commander of the First Battalion Artillery, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. During the World War period, both as editor and as citizen, he was foremost in many of the drives and activities of that period. He is a member of the Worcester City, the Rotary, and the Worcester Conutry Club. His college fraternity is the Theta Delta Chi.

On May 24, 1901, Mr. Richardson married Clara Barnard, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

CHARLES D. WHEELER, M. D.—The State Mutual Assurance Company, of Worcester, has been the means of attracting to this city some of the leading professional men of New England. Charles D. Wheeler, medical director of the company, is a physician and surgeon of unusual abilities and most extensive training and experience. He is not only a popular and important figure in the professional coterie of Worcester, but also in club life and civic movements. He is a native of Worcester, born November 9, 1865, son of Charles A. and Mary E. (Douglas) Wheeler. His father was also a native of the city, a well-known manufacturer who died in 1867. His mother was born in Greenwich, Massachusetts, and lived until 1915.

The death of his father when Charles Wheeler was but two years old somewhat changed the natural course of events in his early life. After preparing for college under private tutors, at Marblehead, Massachusetts, he entered Williams College from which he was graduated in 1888 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Matriculating at the Harvard Medical College, he was graduated with the class of 1892, holding the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Before hanging up his shingle as a doctor, he traveled extensively in America and abroad, visiting the hospitals and the universities with a view to adding further to his equipment as a physician. Dr. Wheeler commenced the active practice of his profession at Worcester, in 1893, and continued successfully until 1906, when he became associated with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, of Worcester. Acknowledgment of the efficiency and skill of his services to the corporation were justly rewarded in 1912 by promotion to the post of assistant medical director of the Mutual Life. In 1919 he was made the medical director of the company, a position he has held ever since.

Dr. Wheeler has kept in close touch with his colleagues in his profession as a member of the Massachusetts State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is consulting surgeon at the Worcester City Hospital, and actively interested in several other medical institutions and societies. During the World War period, Dr. Wheeler was a member of the Federal Advisory Board, and prominent in many of the drives and movements of that time, financial, humanitarian and medical. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, while his college fraternity is the Kappa Alpha. Among his clubs might be named the Worcester, Tatnuck Country clubs of Worcester; the Williams Club, of New York; the Harvard Club, of Boston; and he is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. His religious faith is that of the All Saints Episcopal Church.

In 1891, Dr. Wheeler married Fanny L. Foster, and they were the parents of four children: 1. Mary Louise, now the wife of Stuart T. Bell, and the mother of a daughter, Jacqueline F. 2. William A. Wheeler, in 1932 a senior at Williams College. 3. Ann, who died in 1913 at the age of seventeen. 4. Charles D., who died in 1917 at the age of nine.

EDWIN ABRAM FAWCETT—Versatility and courage, the ability to see beyond the present and the determination to make one's visions come true, usually win laurels in life and the respectful admiration of one's fellows. It can be written of Edwin Abram Fawcett, one of the former outstanding citizens of Worcester, Massachusetts, that he was a pioneer merchant, but he was known as a builder. He was eminently successful in commerce, yet he might have been equally prominent in finance, industry or any of the professions. He was, indeed, richly gifted and in whatsoever he did he lavished the wealth of his talents upon the work in hand, whether it had to do with his own fortunes, the betterment of the city's affairs or the welfare of its citizens. Without striving or ostentation Mr. Fawcett achieved a career which was of importance and of lasting benefit to others and the city at large.

Edwin A. Fawcett was born on April 3, 1830, at Boylston, Massachusetts, son of Jonathan and Asenath (Barnes) Fawcett. He attended the local schools and Westminster Academy and for a time considered entering the Christian ministry. At the age of sixteen years he removed to Worcester to earn his livelihood. After being employed in various ways, he came to the opinion that the city, with which he had cast his lot, needed easier and better ways of getting its vegetables, fruits and general garden crops. The efficient and speedy distribution of these perishables was the crux of the question he had to solve, and he did it by what is now the ordinary way in our crowded centers of population; he became a wholesaler with small establishments in various parts of the city which would receive and distribute what he purchased in large quantities at the source. All of this was very new at that time, the early 1850's, and his keen vision and enterprise were amply rewarded.

A pioneer in commerce, Mr. Fawcett was also a leader in the physical development of downtown Worcester. In connection with his business and to allow it to expand, he set about the construction of a suitable building. Here again his faith in himself and the future growth of Worcester motivated his procedure. If a business block was to be put up, then let it be one that was ahead of the time, something larger and higher. The result was that, in 1855, Mr. Fawcett had a building erected that was one of the early skyscrapers of Worcester, although it was only three stories

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high. It stood at No. 260 Main Street, opposite the old city hall, and was the only building between Pleasant and Chatham streets. The lower floor was given over to Mr. Fawcett's business, and when not enough of the two upper stories were rented as offices to other business men, the owner turned the rooms into apartments, another novel feature for the time. There were some so awed by this tall building that they were certain that it swayed in the wind because of its height. The structure was sold in 1871 to the Worcester County Bank and continued in the possession of this institution and its later organizations.

The sale of the block marked the end of Edwin Fawcett's business career, although he was still in the prime of life and was to live for many more years. Life meant more to him than the acquirement of wealth. He retired that he might devote himself to wife and family, culture and civic usefulness, to religious works and philanthropy. He was for more than a quarter of a century treasurer of Old South Church Parish and a leading member of its congregation. His helpfulness to the unfortunate and poor, the youth who were just starting out in life, and those he had employed in the past, was especially notable. For more than sixty years he lived in a house on the corner of Chatham and Irving streets, noted for its dignified charm and the beauty of its surrounding grounds and gardens. The estate may well be considered symbolical of the solidity, breadth and grace of his career.

Edwin A. Fawcett died on January 22, 1906, and a biographer has written of him that "he was a man ahead of his time, one who built for the future. No matter what he did he tried to accomplish his result in the efficient manner which seemed to be a part of his nature. Strict integrity, and a thorough understanding of business took him far in the commercial affairs of his city and state. . .

"In Worcester his acquaintance was as wide as the city itself; for the citizenry knew of his achievements, and his fellows were greatly attracted by his pleasant personality and fine traits of character. A man of the highest principles, Mr. Fawcett never at any time sacrificed his standards or lowered them for the sake of petty business gain. For the loftiness of his character and intelligence he will long be remembered and loved by his fellowmen, while the influence of his memory will be beneficial in its effects upon Worcester and upon those who come after him."

At Worcester, on October 21, 1857, Edwin Abram Fawcett married Rosetta Perkins, daughter of William and Prudence (Porter) Perkins, and they were the parents of: 1. Walter Edwin, born April 4, 1859. 2. Arthur Perkins, born October 3, 1861. 3. Charles Edwin, born March 8, 1864. 4. Rosetta May, born May 3, 1868. 5. Helen Laura, born January 25, 1884.

WALTER S. YOUNG—The public school system of Worcester, Massachusetts, has the reputation of being among the highest in rank in New England. Walter S. Young, present superintendent of the city's schools, has been associated with the Worcester educational institutions for thirty years, and is credited with contributing very largely to the remarkable progress made during the long period. His standing as an educator and administrator is recognized over a far wider field than the State of Massachusetts. He is a native of New Hampshire, born September 29, 1878, at Londonderry, son of James F. and Elizabeth V. (Wilkins) Young, the former of whom died in 1898 and the latter in 1911. He is a descendant of English and Scotch families which settled in Massachusetts and New Hampshire in the early Colonial days. One of these families was involved in the Salem witchcraft agitation and one of its sons was hanged.

Walter S. Young grew up on a farm. The preliminaries of his education were begun in the district schools, from which he went to Pinkerton Academy to prepare for college. Graduated from Pinkerton with the class of 1897, he entered Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, and was graduated in 1901 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. During the years 1901, 1902 and 1903, he pursued special further studies at Dartmouth College, and in 1903 came to Worcester as an instructor in history at the South High School. In this capacity he served for nine years, and established a reputation as an educator which was honored by a call to a more important position. In 1912 Mr. Young was elected assistant superintendent of the Worcester schools, which position he held until 1923, when he was made superintendent of public schools succeeding H. S. Gruver, and has so served since. Many of the improvements made in instruction and methods of teaching, in school administration, and the better housing and discipline of pupils, are directly due to Mr. Young's constructive ideas and leadership. The school building program by which part time was eliminated from the Worcester schools was originated and directed by him. Ten thousand sittings were provided for pupils by this program. He has always kept in close touch with his professional colleagues as a member of the Worcester County Teachers' Association, of which he is a past president, and the State and National Education Associations and other organizations of similar character. He has contributed numerous articles to teachers' magazines and periodicals, covering a wide range of subjects interesting to members of his profession. He is highly esteemed by his colleagues not only for the splendid work he has done with the Worcester school system, but as an educator, speaker and all-round man among men.

Superintendent Young is a Mason and Past Master of Morning Star Lodge. He has also served as president of the Rotary Club and in that capacity represented Worcester on the program of the Los Angeles Convention of Rotary International. He is a member of the Economic Club and its president in 1932-33, the Worcester Club, the Dartmouth Club, of which he has been secretary and President, and the Sons of the American Revolution. He is president of the board of trustees of Pinkerton Academy.

In 1910 Mr. Young married Harriet E. Nute, a native of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Young make their home on Marston Way, Worcester.

EDWARD A. DENNY—Were Edward A. Denny an older man he would be known as the "Dean" of the staff of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, of Worcester, in which in 1932

he rounded out an association with this remarkable corporation of full four decades. He entered the employ of the company as a young man, and in point of continuous service is outranked by very few in the company. Mr. Denny was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, December 16, 1872, son of Daniel E. and Martha A. (Fisher) Denny. His father was a native of Worcester, a prominent citizen and leader in politics, who filled many important offices, the gift of the citizens. He died in 1924; Mrs. Denny was born at Northbrook, Massachusetts, and lived until 1923.

Edward A. Denny attended the public schools, but while in his teens started in to make a livelihood for himself, and at the age of twenty secured a job with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester. This was in 1892, and his connection with the corporation has been unbroken during the last forty years. He has served in various capacities and held many offices. Few men know the scope of the corporation's work better. In 1932 he was justly rewarded by elevation to the post of Comptroller of the Mutual Life, a position he now holds. His department is one of the most important in the business, and to be chosen the head of it throws a great deal of light upon the esteem and respect in which he is held.

Mr. Denny has always taken a great deal of interest in his native city and the advancement of its affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he has been the treasurer for twenty years. He is a member of all the bodies of Masonry up to and including the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, and is a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. At one time prominent in the social and club life of the city, Mr. Denny has resigned in recent years from all such organizations except the Chamber of Commerce, the Mechanics Association and the Historical Society, all of Worcester. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

In the first year of the present century, Mr. Denny married Bertha J. Griswold, a native of Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Denny make their home at No. 4 Chamberlain Park, Worcester.

WILLIS E. SIBLEY, a native of New Salem, Franklin County, Massachusetts, was born December 10, 1857, son of Sylvanus and Abigail Elizabeth (Briggs) Sibley. His ancestors were earlier generations of New England Yankee stock. He attended the public schools and academy in his native town. During his vacation periods his time was occupied on his father's farm, as was the case with many other country boys. Although always interested in farming and stock raising as a boy, he felt that other fields of endeavor offered larger opportunities and possibly more lucrative employment.

Mr. Sibley came to Worcester in 1885 and began the study of law in the office of Burton W. Potter, then a prominent lawyer. In 1887 Mr. Sibley was admitted to the Worcester County Bar and for a period of about two years was connected with the office of David Manning. Terminating this association, he and Frederick H. Chamberlain, now senior Judge of Probate Court for Worcester County, took offices together for the general practice of law. This relationship continued for some years, until Mr. Chamberlain became connected with the Registry of Probate and was later appointed judge. Thereafter, Mr. Sibley continued the practice of law independently, having as office associates his brother, Charles H. Sibley, and Carl M. Blair. In 1919 he entered into a partnership with his brother, Mr. Blair and Arthur J. Young under the name and style of Sibley, Blair and Young. This partnership has continued to the present time. At the start, Mr. Sibley decided that politics and business did not mix well for success in either line and therefore stuck to business, declining to enter politics or to hold political or elective office, also declining an appointment to the Superior Court and other State offices.

He has served as director and trustee on commercial and savings bank boards, also as director and in other official positions in various business, insurance, hospital, religious and other local organizations. For several years he has been president and a director of the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company, one of the oldest and most successful insurance companies in Massachusetts.

In 1892 Mr. Sibley married Marion Elizabeth Chapin, and they have one son surviving, *viz*: Elbridge Sibley, Ph. D., professor of Economics in Bowdoin College, with post-graduate degree from Columbia University.

Mr. Sibley's practice has always been largely on the civil, rather than the criminal side of the law. The habit of industry, begun in early life, has been sustained through later years. To this he attributes whatever success he may have acquired in his profession. His greatest satisfaction, however, is in the belief that during all the years he has had the respect and confidence of his associates at the bar, and of the courts in which he has practiced, of his friends, clients, and the public.

HOWARD WYMAN COWEE—The city of Worcester is fortunate in numbering among its citizens men of professional importance and civic leaders, among whom should be mentioned Howard Wyman Cowee, lawyer and business man. He was born November 10, 1884, at West Boylston, Massachusetts, son of Edward A. and Hattie L. (Cutler) Cowee. His father was prominent in the grain business and was at one time a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and of the Massachusetts Senate.

Howard Wyman Cowee received his elementary education in the public schools, graduating from Worcester Classical High School in 1903; he matriculated at Dartmouth College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1908 and entered Harvard Law School to be graduated in 1911, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Upon the death of Mr. Cowee's father in 1912, he assumed the management of the extensive grain business of the family and directed the same with success until 1915, when the family interests were sold and Mr. Cowee was left free to pursue the professional career to which he had given years of careful preparation. He had been admitted to the bar of Massachusetts in 1910, and had begun the practice of law during the following year in the office of Charles M. Thayer. Later he began a general law practice by himself. In 1916 he formed a partnership with Raymond B. Fletcher, which continued until the death of Mr. Fletcher in 1923.

He is now practising law in partnership with William L. Macintosh. He is a recognized authority on commercial, corporation and probate law.

Politics have always interested Mr. Cowee; he has been a member of the Worcester Common Council and the Worcester Board of Aldermen. In public affairs he has championed needed reforms and aided in the better development of the municipality. He is the president of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, where his legal training and business experience have proven of great value. Mr. Cowee is also a trustee of the Worcester State Hospital, and is active in humanitarian and welfare projects. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Athelstan Lodge, and the Commandery; and also is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Anchoria Lodge. Among the various clubs and organizations of which Mr. Cowee is a member are numbered the University, Economic, Lions, International and Dartmouth clubs of Worcester; and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. He is a communicant and a trustee of the Wesley Methodist Church of Worcester.

On January 20, 1917, Mr. Cowee married Elsie Kirschner, of Worcester, Massachusetts, daughter of John and Christine Kirschner. Mr. and Mrs. Cowee are the parents of a daughter, Barbara, born September 3, 1918.

ARTHUR C. GLASS—An outstanding figure among the bankers of Worcester, Massachusetts, Arthur C. Glass has risen to prominence in financial circles as an executive at an age when most men are on the bottom rungs of the ladder. He is a native of Oxford, Massachusetts, born November 25, 1895, son of David and Marian (Appleby) Glass, the former of whom was born at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and the latter at Oxford, Massachusetts.

Educated in the public schools and under private tutors, Arthur C. Glass started on his banking career as a lad of sixteen as an employee of the Mechanics National Bank of Worcester. After nine years of service in connection with this institution, he resigned in 1920 to go with the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, and was assigned to the credit department. In 1922 he was made actuary of the Worcester Bank and Trust, and on January 2, 1926, he was elected vice-president and actuary, the youngest man in Worcester to hold these offices in a banking institution. On August 19, 1930, he was elected vice-president of the Worcester County National Bank.

To group together Mr. Glass' official connections with various financial organizations, the list includes: vice-president and actuary of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, vice-president of the Worcester County National Bank, president of the Association of Retail Credit Men, connected with the Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the Worcester Association of Credit Men. He is also a member of two important committees, research and economics, of the Robert Morris Associates, director of New England Chapter of the Associates, and treasurer of the Memorial Homes for the Blind, Incorporated, of which he is also a director. It should be noted that Mr. Glass wields a trenchant pen upon financial and allied subjects and is a frequent contributor to financial periodicals and newspapers. Such in brief is the outline of the financial and banking career of a man forty years of age, living in a period when all manner of financial institutions have been under the most unusual stress and strain in many decades.

During the time when the United States was engaged in the World War, Mr. Glass was overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces in the service of his country. At present he is a member and former adjutant of the American Legion Post No. 58, a director of credit bureau of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Massachusetts Historical and the Worcester Historical societies. Fraternally he is allied with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all the bodies of Masonry up to and including the 32d degree, Scottish Rite, holding office of Senior Warden in the Blue Lodge and Master of Ceremony in Rose Croix. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. His religious faith is that of the Congregational Church.

On January 14, 1928, Arthur C. Glass married Evelyn M. Bancroft, member of a well-known Worcester, Massachusetts, family. Mr. and Mrs. Glass reside at No. 109 Tower Street, Worcester.

ARTHUR W. JOHNSON—Although a recent addition to the business men of Worcester, Massachusetts, Arthur W. Johnson has shown himself a really valuable addition and is rapidly becoming a prominent and popular figure in the community life and activities. He is a native of Boston, Massachusetts, born January 7, 1893, son of Eugene P. and Grace A. (Barr) Johnson, both natives of Massachusetts. The preliminaries of his education were acquired in the public schools of Boston, and he is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, class of 1914, holding the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Johnson began his professional career with Bird and Son, of East Walpole, Massachusetts, as a mechanical engineer, but soon became associated with the famous Remington-Rand Corporation, which association was continued until 1930. In that year he accepted a position with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company as purchasing agent, an office created at the time, and in which he has made a splendid record in a period when world-wide business depression has made expansion in any line of commercial activity the exception rather than the rule.

Like many other young men, Mr. Johnson's career was interrupted by service in the United States forces during the World War. When this country became involved in that conflict, he enlisted in the United States Navy, and was engaged chiefly in submarine work. Upon his discharge from the service, in 1919, he held the rank of ensign. Fraternally Mr. Johnson is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church. Mr. Johnson is gradually entering more and more into the life, affairs and organizations of the community, and bids fair to become an important and constructive force in the advancement of Worcester and the welfare of its citizens.

In 1920, Arthur W. Johnson married Edna F. Cornev. of Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Barbara, born October 25, 1921. 2. Dorothy E., born September 12, 1924.

HON. FRANK L. RILEY—Judge of the Central District Court of Worcester County, Massachusetts, the Hon. Frank L. Riley has been a prominent figure at the Worcester County bar during the past twenty years. He has served continuously on the bench since 1922 with high credit to himself and to the court over which he presides.

Judge Riley was born at Northampton, Massachusetts, on December 10, 1880, a son of James and Nellie T. (Neill) Riley. His father, a paper manufacturer, was born in Connecticut; his mother in Northampton, Massachusetts. Judge Riley was educated in public schools of Massachusetts and New York, and attended high school at Westfield, Massachusetts. In 1898 he was graduated from Maine Wesleyan Seminary, and thereafter entered Boston University Law School in preparation for his legal career. He took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at that institution in 1902, and in the same year was admitted to the Massachusetts bar. Judge Riley began practice in Boston in the office of Frank W. Dana. In 1905, however, he came to Worcester, where he took up independent practice and continued alone until 1908, when he became associated with the firm of Parker and Milton. On January 1, 1923, he was admitted to full partnership in the firm, the name of which then assumed its present form, Parker, Milton and Riley.

Meanwhile Judge Riley had won a distinguished reputation both in his practice and in his service as assistant city solicitor, an office which he assumed in 1918. In 1922 he became special justice of the Central District Court of Worcester, serving by appointment of November, 1922, until November, 1929, when he was appointed justice of the Central District Court to succeed Judge Samuel Utley, retired. Judge Riley has fully justified the confidence reposed in him at his original appointment. He has administered the duties of his court with commendable zeal and efficiency, manifesting wide legal scholarship and discerning judgment.

Judge Riley is a member of the executive committee of the Worcester County Bar Association. He was vice-president of the association in 1928, and its president in 1929. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, and a member of the character committee of the Massachusetts Bar Examiners of Worcester County. In January, 1934, Judge Riley was elected president of the Association of Justices of the District Courts of Massachusetts. Apart from his legal connections he is a member of the Boston University Alumni Association, the Worcester Economic Club and Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. In spite of the pressure of his professional duties he has been interested in civic affairs of the city, actively supporting worthy enterprises making for its advance and progress. During the period of the World War, Judge Riley was prominent in war work, serving as a member of the local draft board. His favorite recreation is fishing. He is a member of the Brookfield Fishing Club, and in his leisure hours turns most frequently to this sport for relaxation.

On June 9, 1906, Frank L. Riley married Lulu L. Lewis of Springfield, Massachusetts. They are the parents of three children: 1. Helen E., born June 17, 1908. 2. James L., born on April 22, 1910. 3. Lois J., born on January 3, 1916. Mrs. Riley is very active in church work and in other spheres of women's interest at Worcester.

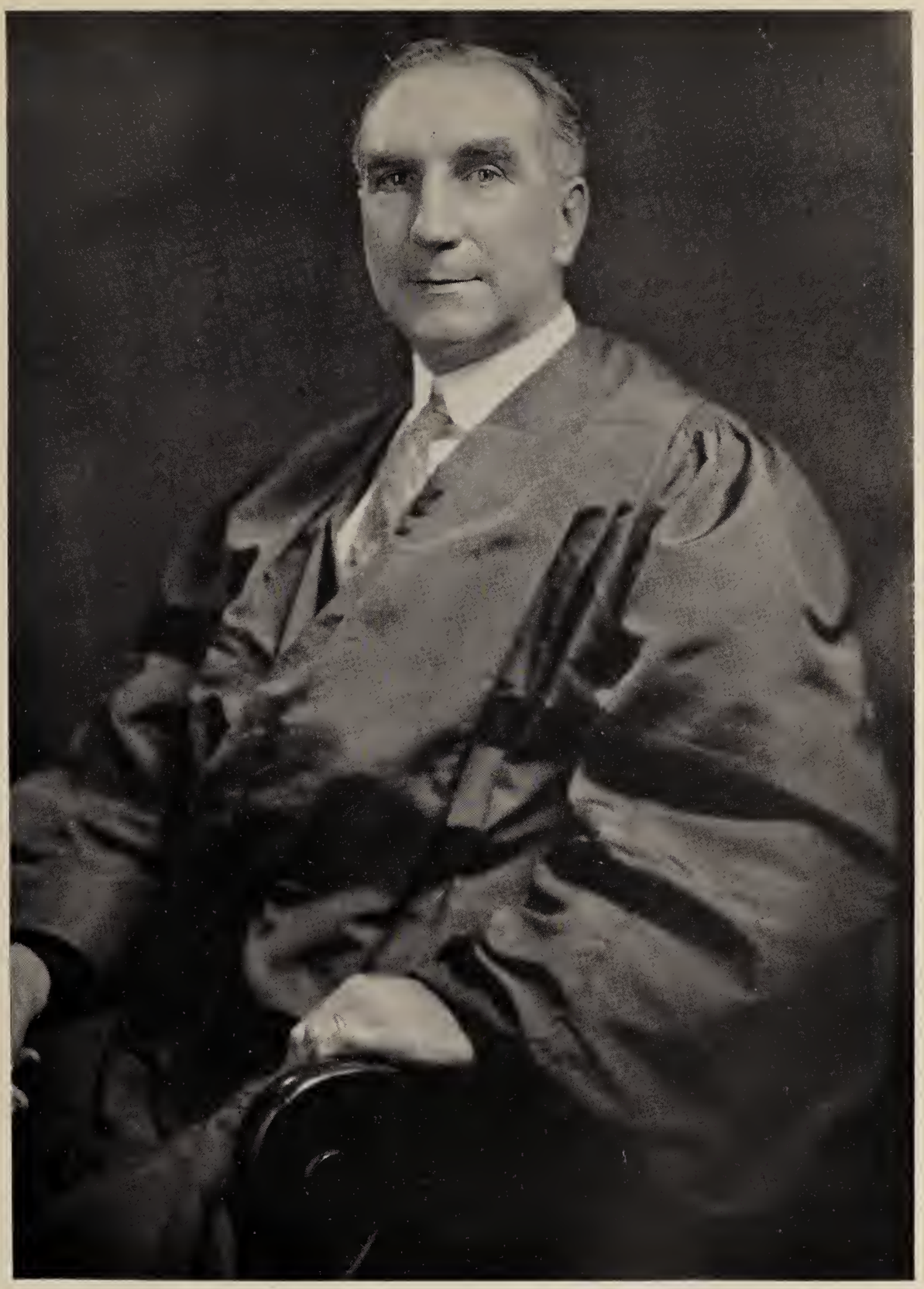
ALBERT T. CARPENTER—Descent from early settlers of Charlton in Worcester County is claimed by Albert T. Carpenter, of the Roxbury Institution for Savings, one of the leaders of the younger group of financiers in this section of the State. The old homestead of the Carpenters in Charlton, still standing in a goodly state of preservation, dates back to 1720. Mr. Carpenter's father, Clarence A. Carpenter, was formerly employed as a teamster and is now a resident of Worcester, where he carries on his own trucking business. He married Addie I. Jones, and both are natives of Charlton.

Albert T. Carpenter was born in Charlton City, Worcester County, July 7, 1896, passed through the elementary and grade schools and was graduated at the old English High School in Worcester in 1914. In 1917 he enlisted for the World War and was assigned to the navy as a seaman, being twenty-one years old at the time. He was on duty in several ports and, when mustered out, December 24, 1918, held the rating of carpenter's mate. For fifteen years he was in the employ of the Five Cents Savings Bank of Worcester; having started as an errand boy, he worked up to chief clerk. In 1920 he entered the Northeastern University School of Business Administration, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science in the class of June, 1924.

On June 1, 1929, Mr. Carpenter was installed as treasurer of the Uxbridge Savings Bank; he is also a corporator and a member of the board of trustees. In 1933 he became associated with the Roxbury Institution for Savings as assistant treasurer. In Uxbridge, he served as treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce; he affiliates with the Savings Banks Officers Club of Massachusetts; the Uxbridge Rotary Club, of which he was treasurer; Franklin Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Grafton, of which he is a Past Master; Grafton Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he is a Past Worthy Master; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Laymen's League, Whitinsville Gymnasium Club, and Uxbridge Unitarian Church.

Albert T. Carpenter married, September 2, 1924, Muriel E. Haas, of Worcester, who attained prominence in that city as a vocalist of superior ability. She is interested in most branches of the musical arts. Her exceptionally fine soprano voice was cultivated through study pursued in New York, Boston and Worcester. She has appeared in recitals and concerts in the latter cities and at many other places in the State. She served as chairman of the women's music committee of the Worcester club in 1928-29 and was a soloist in the Worcester Music Festival of the season of 1929. She is the music director and soloist of the Uxbridge Unitarian Church and is a member of a number of clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have three sons: 1. Bruce Albert, born July 28, 1927. 2. Keith Herbert, born April 25, 1929. 3. Grant Tucker, born December 24, 1931.

HON. ARTHUR FISKE BUTTERWORTH—By filling the office of judge of the Western Worcester District Court, Hon. Arthur Fiske But-



Frank H. Riley

terworth, of Brookfield, exerts a wide and beneficent influence upon legal and civic affairs in his jurisdiction. He is prominent in the municipal government of the town, being in office for many years.

On the paternal side of his family, Judge Butterworth's grandfather, Stillman Butterworth, was born in Wrentham, Massachusetts, and was the first of the name to locate in Brookfield. He was a leader in local affairs of the town, held different offices, and served a term in the Massachusetts Legislature. His son, Henry L. Butterworth, father of the judge, was born in Brookfield and during his life was a boot and shoe manufacturer in this town. He was also engaged in the lumber business. A Democrat in politics, he was one of the most active members of the community, in which he had held many town offices. He married Antoinette Fiske, a native of Pepperell, Massachusetts, daughter of John Dale Fiske, a veteran of the Union Army in the Civil War, a member of the Massachusetts Legislature and engaged in the shoe business.

Hon. Arthur Fiske Butterworth was born in Brookfield, September 20, 1869, son of Henry L. and Antoinette (Fiske) Butterworth, and attended the public schools of his native town. He entered Boston University School of Law and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1893. He was admitted to the Massachusetts bar at a sitting of court in Boston in February, 1893, and began practice in Springfield, Hampden County. He returned after a short time to Brookfield, which has since been the place of his practice and residence. In 1902, on the establishment of the Western Worcester District Court, he was appointed clerk, filling this office until 1924, in which year he was appointed judge of the same court. For the past six years he has, as a District Court judge, presided from time to time at sessions of the Superior Court for the trial of misdemeanors with juries.

He is a Republican in politics and has long served his party faithfully. His services to the town of Brookfield have been many and various. Since 1907 he has held the office of town treasurer, and he was for a quarter-century tax collector. For thirty years he has presided as the moderator of the town meetings. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the Brookfield Public Library for a score of years. He is a trustee of the North Brookfield Savings Bank.

His affiliations are many and important; they include the Worcester County Bar Association; Hayden Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Brookfield; Warren Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Worcester Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a member of the First Parish (Unitarian) Church and for more than thirty years has been chairman of the parish committee.

Judge Arthur Fiske Butterworth married (first), in 1893, Olive Edith Miller, by whom he had two sons: 1. Henry L. Butterworth, who is a mechanical engineer in Worcester; married Margaret Mooney, and they have one son, Henry L., Jr. 2. Stewart P., died October 13, 1922. Mrs. Butterworth died April 29, 1917. Judge Butterworth married (second), January 16, 1919, Abbie E. Prouty, of Brookfield.

VIRGIL V. McNITT—Owner and publisher of the Southbridge "News," Virgil V. McNitt is a journalist of long experience and distinguished record. His activities cover a wide field, and in taking over the publication of the Southbridge "News" in 1931, he assured to the people of this city a daily newspaper of the finest type.

Mr. McNitt was born at Lisbon, Michigan, on January 15, 1881, a son of Henry A. and Adeline (Pontzius) McNitt. He was educated in the public schools of Northville, Michigan, and at the University of Michigan, beginning his active career in the newspaper field with the "Evening News" of Conneaut, Ohio. From 1902 to 1906 he served successively as city editor, editor and general manager of that paper. From 1906 to 1910, he was State editor and city editor of the "Cleveland Press," and in 1910 founded the very successful Central Press Association at Cleveland, of which he continued as president until this company was sold to the King Features Syndicate in 1930. Meanwhile he has extended his interests in other directions. In 1920 he organized the McNaught Syndicate in New York City, of which he has since been executive head and chief owner. In 1923 he began the publication of "McNaught's Monthly." On July 1, 1931, he purchased the Southbridge "News."

This paper was established by Charles H. Tobey of Boston and was first published on August 23, 1923. It was based on sound journalistic practices and has steadily grown since that time. On January 1, 1926, headquarters of the paper were transferred from the original inadequate site on Hamilton Street to a newly erected building at No. 22 Foster Street. The business was expanded to include job printing, and new and more modern equipment was added. In June, 1929, the plant was purchased by Allyn T. Gilbert, who operated it for a year. He was followed by Robert Slough, who took possession on June 1, 1930, and continued as owner until July 1, 1931, when Mr. McNitt acquired the property. Mr. McNitt immediately put into effect certain plans for expansion. The Quinebaug Club building on Elm Street was purchased and completely remodelled. More mechanical equipment was installed, including a new linotype machine, an Elrod column rule caster, a Daniels planer and a new press for job printing. Every possible convenience was installed and no effort spared to make the present home of the "News" the model newspaper plant which it has become. In January, 1934, a large edition to the building was completed and a twenty-four page high-speed Goss press with complete stereotyping equipment was added to the plant.

Mr. McNitt is an independent in politics and a Presbyterian in religious faith. He is a member of the Century Club, the Western Universities Club and the Riverdale Tennis Club of New York City; the Cohasse Country Club of Southbridge, the Quaboag Country Club of Monson, Massachusetts; and the National Press Club of Washington, District of Columbia. During the World War, in 1918, he served as a member of Company A, 9th Coast Artillery Corps, New York National Guard.

On June 12, 1909, at Cleveland, Ohio, Virgil V. McNitt married Marie Bellows, daughter of Benjamin F. and Nellie (Dickey) Bellows. They are

the parents of two children: 1. Robert B., born at Cleveland on January 10, 1911. 2. Frank, also born at Cleveland, December 5, 1912.

JUDGE WEBSTER THAYER—That Judge Thayer's elevation to the bench as a Justice of the Superior Court of Massachusetts in 1917 met with general approval was shown in many ways. He became a national figure during his career on the bench. For it was to him that the difficult task was assigned to preside over the now historic Sacco-Vanzetti trial. In most of its aspects of no greater importance than most other cases of this type, it was made a cause célèbre by the friends of the accused. With rare courage and characteristic determination Judge Thayer refused to be swayed from the path of duty as he saw it during the trying years intervening between the conviction of Sacco and Vanzetti and their execution. Though there were many who sided against him and many others who stopped short of nothing in the vilification of him, he eventually had the satisfaction of having the highest court of the State as well as its Governor and a special committee appointed by the Governor uphold him in every respect. He continued to be one of the most highly regarded and respected jurists of Massachusetts and to enjoy the confidence of his fellow-citizens, as he had done throughout his career.

Webster Thayer was born at Blackstone, Worcester County, July 7, 1857, a son of Samuel and Martha A. (Taft) Thayer. His father was a wholesale dealer in meats and provisions in Blackstone until 1874, when he removed to Worcester. He afterwards, in 1885, removed to Auburn, where he died in 1897. The old Thayer farm has been in the possession of the family from the time Mendon was settled about 1662, and is now owned by a descendant of the Thayer family. Samuel Thayer was a well-known and highly respected citizen, serving the town in various offices of trust and at one time representing Blackstone in the General Court. One of his characteristics was a remarkable memory. His wife died in 1898, at the age of sixty-seven years. Judge Thayer had one brother, Andrew Clinton Thayer, who was born in 1855 and died in 1928. He was a farmer in Auburn, Massachusetts.

The first settler of the Thayer family in Mendon, Ferdinando Thayer, was born in Thornbury, England, and baptized there April 18, 1625. He married Huldah Hayward, of Braintree. They came with the first settlers to Mendon and located on the present farm. Several of these original Thayer farms have never passed out of the family. During King Philip's War, the Thayers and all the other settlers left the town, but returned in 1680. Ferdinando Thayer was a son of Thomas Thayer, the pioneer, who came with his brother, Richard Thayer and family, from Thornbury, England, to Braintree before 1639, and they are the progenitors of all the Colonial families of this surname in Massachusetts. Thomas Thayer died June 2, 1665, having married, in England, Margery Wheeler.

In the maternal line Judge Thayer is descended from the pioneer of the Taft family, Robert Taft, who was also the ancestor of President William H. Taft, and of most of the Taft families of the country. Leonard Taft, maternal grandfather of Judge Thayer, had several sons. One of these, Edward H. Taft, died at the age of ninety-three. Of his other sons, Putnam W. Taft, who died at the age of ninety-four, was a famous school teacher in Mendon and vicinity for some fifty years, while another son, Enos N. Taft, was one of the most famous admiralty lawyers of his time. His offices were in New York City.

Judge Thayer attended the public schools of his native town and the Blackstone High School. After coming to Worcester with his parents in 1874, he attended Worcester Academy, graduating in 1876. He then entered Dartmouth College, where he remained until he was graduated in the class of 1880 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During his college days he was an athlete of prominence, captain of the first Dartmouth baseball team that defeated Harvard. He always kept in close touch with the baseball organization of his *alma mater*. In Dartmouth and among the alumni he was known as the "father" of Dartmouth baseball. His interest in the football team was equally keen. In later years he played golf and devoted to that game much of his time for recreation.

He began to read law in the office of Charles A. Merrill in Worcester and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in September, 1882. Immediately afterward he began practice in Worcester. He was for many years in partnership with Hollis W. Cobb, under the firm name of Thayer and Cobb. Their offices were at No. 411 State Mutual Building. In 1913 the firm of Thayer, Drury and Walker was organized, and Mr. Thayer remained a partner in both firms until he was elevated to the bench. In the new firm his partners were George A. Drury and Fred A. Walker. Both firms were at No. 411 State Mutual Building. From the beginning he was recognized as a lawyer of more than ordinary ability. He was keen and searching in cross-examination, aggressive and tenacious in the trial of cases, fluent and persuasive in speech, and soon took rank among the best trial lawyers of Worcester County. His success brought him some of the most important cases in the Worcester courts, and he was retained in almost every case in which public interests were involved, either as attorney for the city or for citizens who were interested from motives of public spirit. His own civic pride and public spirit in the city led largely to his selection.

His career in public life was characterized by independence, though when once committed to a party or candidate he was always one of the most loyal supporters and vigorous fighters. He was the central figure in many municipal campaigns. As a stump speaker he stood second to none. Ready in argument, his speeches were always bright, spicy, catchy, entertaining. His wit and satire were strong weapons on the political platform as well as in the court room. But notwithstanding all the political and legal battles in which he fought hard, giving and taking no quarter, his opponents generally held to their friendship on account of his fine personal qualities, his democratic manners and sincerity. He never harbored animosities. When a fight was ended, he was the first to offer his hand to the foe, whether he lost or won. In law and politics he was as much of a true sport as on the baseball field.

He was appointed Justice of the Superior Court by Governor McCall, February 28, 1917, was unanimously confirmed, and took the oath of office on March 5, 1917. The members of the bar gave their unanimous approval of the selection, and in a banquet tendered to him soon afterward, they found opportunity to express their esteem, their appreciation of his legal ability and their best wishes for a long and useful career on the bench. His judicial office, of course, ended his practice as a lawyer and his activity in the political arena.

The outstanding event in Judge Thayer's judicial career was his conduct of the famous Sacco-Vanzetti trial. On the surface this case was a trial for murder in the first degree, not differing in any particular aspects from other such cases. The verdict of the jury was a test such as no other jury was ever put through in any case, not only in the State but in the Nation. Their sole duty was to pass upon the guilt or innocence of the defendants. With their deliberations Judge Thayer had nothing whatever to do. In a later questioning of the men on this jury, it was found that their verdict had been unanimous. The effect of this verdict, which has been pronounced just and fair by the highest authorities of the State and Nation, must and will leave a salutary and far-reaching effect. It will stand as an impressive lesson in upholding and sustaining of the laws of the land, not only for today but for all future time.

The case developed into one of international importance when racial, political and economic questions were brought in by the counsel and friends of the accused. For seven weary and trying years Judge Thayer was the center of innumerable attacks, while the friends of the two convicted men attempted in every possible way to upset the judgment of guilty rendered by a jury and the punishment of death imposed—in accordance with the law—by Judge Thayer. Although Judge Thayer enjoyed throughout these difficult and trying years the support and continued confidence of thousands, those differing from him used every means to destroy him. Threats were made even against his life, not once, but many times. But though these events undermined Judge Thayer's health and naturally caused him much unhappiness, they could not break his spirit or influence his convictions. He continued to be the same fearless and impartial man and judge that he had always been. His conduct of this trial and his repeated refusals to grant a new trial, which were eventually fully upheld by the highest authority of the State, must be regarded not only as a most desirable upholding of the majesty of the law, but as a most fully merited endorsement of Judge Thayer's judicial career. It seems, therefore, only appropriate that the final chapter of the Sacco-Vanzetti case should be made part of this record of Judge Thayer's distinguished career. It was written, on August 3, 1927, by Governor Alvan T. Fuller, of Massachusetts, in his official decision on the case, in which he refused to intervene in behalf of the condemned men. This decision was based on the unanimous report of a special commission of three, appointed by Governor Fuller and consisting of President Abbott Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University, Judge Robert Grant, and President Samuel W. Stratton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as on exhaustive and extended investigations made by Governor Fuller himself. It was in part as follows:

> On April 15, 1920, a paymaster and his guard were held up, robbed and brutally murdered at South Braintree, Massachusetts. On May 5, 1920, Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were arrested; they were later tried and found guilty of the murder. The verdict was followed by seven motions for a new trial and two appeals to the Supreme Court for the Commonwealth, all of which were heard and later denied. . . . The appeal to the Governor was presented by counsel for the accused on May 3, 1927. . . . This appeal . . . . has been considered without intent on my part to sustain the courts if I became convinced that an error had been committed or that the trial had been unfair to the accused.
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> I realized at the outset that there were many sober-minded and conscientious men and women who were genuinely troubled about the guilt or innocence of the accused and the fairness of the trial. It seemed to me I ought to attempt to set the minds of such people at rest if it could be done, but I realized that with all I could do personally to find the truth some people might well in the end doubt the correctness of any conclusion that I, or in fact any other one man, might reach. I believed that I could best assure these honest doubters by having a committee conduct an investigation entirely independent of my own, their report to be made to me and to be of help in reaching correct conclusions.
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> The court proceedings in this case may be divided into several parts: first, the trial before the jury with Judge Thayer presiding; second the hearings on the succession of motions for a new trial which were addressed to the judge and passed upon by him. All those proceedings have been attacked by some of the friends of the accused men and their counsel.
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> The attacks on the jury trial take two forms: . . . . second, it is asserted that the trial itself was unfair. The attacks on the proceedings and on the motions for a new trial are in substance that the judge was biased and unable to give the motions fair and impartial consideration.
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> The inquiry that I have conducted has had to do with the following questions: Was the jury trial fair? Were the accused entitled to a new trial? Are they guilty or not guilty?
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> I have consulted with every member of the jury now alive, eleven in number. They considered the judge fair; that he gave them no indication of his own opinion in the case. Affidavits have been presented claiming that the judge was prejudiced. I see no evidence of prejudice in his conduct of the trial. That he had an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused after hearing the evidence is natural and inevitable. . . . I can see no warrant for the assertion that the jury trial was unfair.
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> The charge of the judge was satisfactory to the counsel for the accused and no exceptions were taken to it. The Supreme Judicial Court for the Commonwealth has considered such of the more than 250 exceptions taken during the course of the trial as counsel for the accused chose to argue and overruled them all, thus establishing that the proceedings were without legal flaw. . . .
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> After the verdict against these men, their counsel filed and argued before Judge Thayer seven distinct supplementary motions for a new trial, ... all of which were denied. I am convinced. . . . that the presiding judge gave no evidence of bias in denying them all and refusing a new trial. . . .
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> As the result of my study of the record and my personal investigation of the case . . . . I believe, with the jury, that Sacco and Vanzetti were guilty and that the trial was fair. . . .
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> I furthermore believe that there was no justifiable reason for giving them a new trial.

Judge Thayer, in earlier years, was a Democrat, and while a member of that party served it as a leader. In 1890 and 1891 he was a member of the board of aldermen; in 1894 he was the Democratic candidate for mayor of Worcester. But for the last thirty years or more of his life he was a Republican, and until his elevation to the bench, he was a prominent leader of that party. The last

political office held by Mr. Thayer was Republican elector from Massachusetts in the presidential campaign of 1916. In the electoral college he voted for Justice Charles E. Hughes for President. Judge Thayer was a member of Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Quinsigamond Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Worcester Lodge, No. 56, the Worcester Country Club, the Worcester Bar Association, and the University Club of Boston. He was also a communicant of All Saints Protestant Episcopal Church.

Judge Webster Thayer passed away April 18, 1933. Judge Thayer married (first), in October, 1883, Anna E. Keyes, now deceased. He married (second), October 19, 1899, Bertha J. Kidder Brewer, who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, a daughter of Charles E. and Emma (Sargent) Kidder. There are two children: 1. Barbara T., born September 15, 1900, who was graduated from Dana Hall, class of 1919. 2. Hamilton Webster, born February 19, 1902, who was graduated from Worcester Academy, class of 1920.

J. LESTER PERRY—Connected with the metals trade for more than three decades, J. Lester Perry was promoted January 1, 1933, to the position of vice-president of the American Steel and Wire Company in charge of operations. This brings under his supervision the operations in twenty-two manufacturing plants distributed throughout the various districts where the American Steel and Wire Company is operating. These plants employ a force of about 18,000 men.

Born in Worcester, March 11, 1881, J. Lester Perry is the son of Fred G. and Ella M. (Bailey) Perry, his parents natives of Northborough and Dudley, Massachusetts, and the father engaged in the mercantile business. Having passed through the public schools of his native city, the son J. Lester entered the service of the American Steel and Wire Company in 1899. He took readily to the various tasks assigned him, mastered them, and gave many evidences of his adaptability to the metals industry, especially as related to the company. Made the subject of promotion on his merits, he was advanced to positions of increasing importance from time to time. It was in 1928 that he was appointed district manager of the Worcester division of this great concern, the American Steel and Wire Company, where he has since given further proof of his ability and worth, as the successor of C. S. Marshall.

Mr. Perry was a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and was president of that organization for the year 1931, where his influence and enthusiasm were helpful in the mutual effort of the organization to carry forward its high purposes. He is a member of the Worcester Club and the American Iron & Steel Institute, and while in Worcester belonged to the Worcester Economic Club.

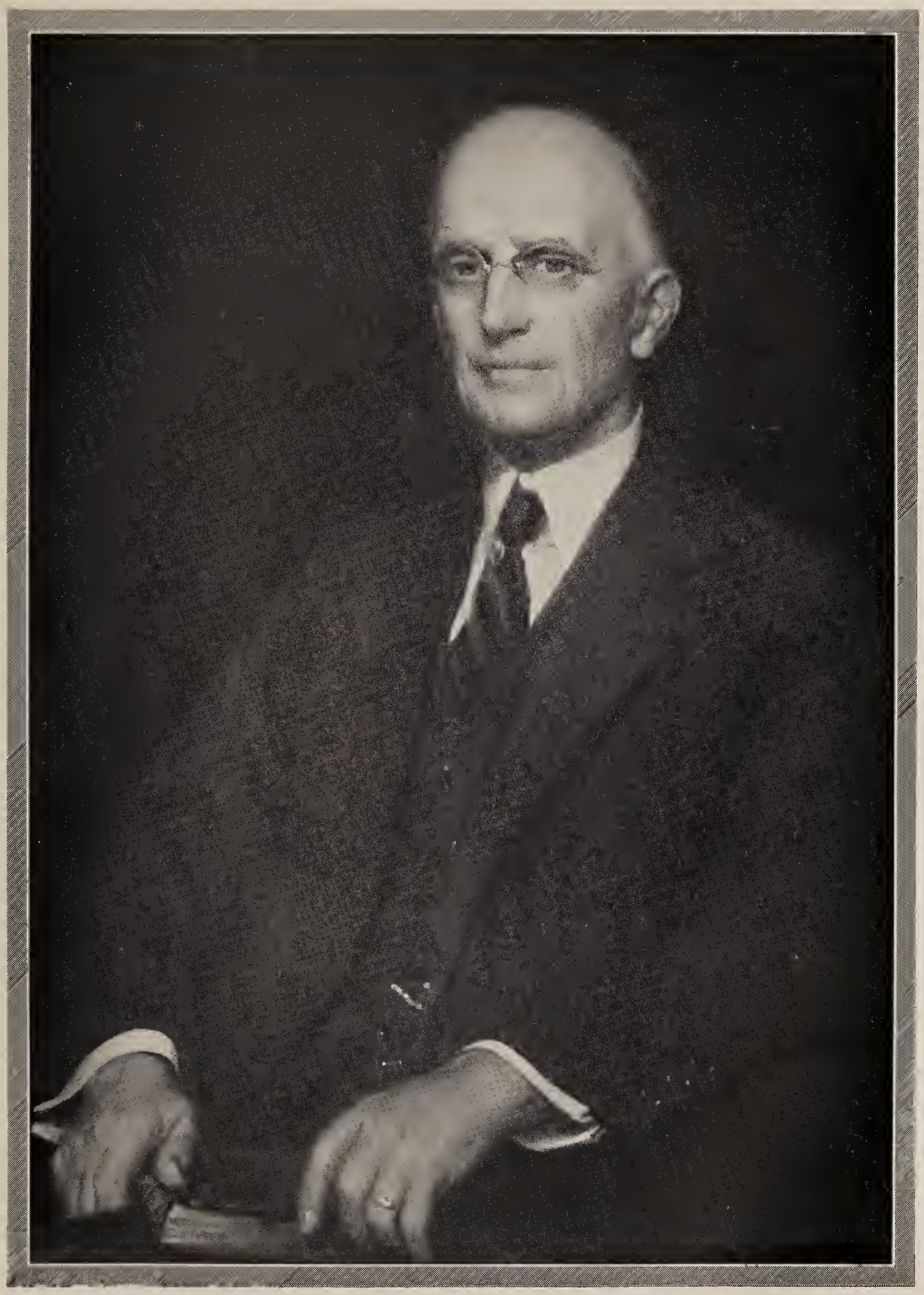
J. Lester Perry married, in 1904, L. Kathryn Thayer, of Indiana, and they have two children: 1. Elizabeth, born May 21, 1907. 2. J. Lester, Jr., born June 9, 1909. The Perry family now resides in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

HORACE DOWNE McCOWAN—More than a quarter of a century ago, as a youth just out of high school, Mr. McCowan entered the banking business. In it he has continued ever since then, gaining a well earned reputation for ability and occupying various positions of importance and responsibility with different well-known banks. The greater part of his business career has been spent in Massachusetts, and he is today one of the prominent industrial bankers of this State. He is especially well known in Worcester, in which city he has been located for the last ten years as the executive vice-president and general manager of the Worcester Morris Plan Company, which has enjoyed steady growth and prosperity under his able and careful management.

Horace Downe McCowan was born at Bridgeton, New Jersey, September 3, 1890, a son of William Joseph and Mabel (Sweeten) McCowan, both natives of Bridgeton, New Jersey. His father has been the New England manager of the Percy Heilner Coal Company for the last thirty-nine years and is today the oldest active employee of this well-known concern. Mr. McCowan was educated in the public schools. At the age of sixteen years he left the Central High School of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and entered the employ of the National Commercial Bank of Albany, New York, in the foreign department of which he remained for a short time. He then came to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he worked for some time in the foreign department of the Springfield National Bank. At the age of nineteen years, in 1909, he went to Colorado, where he lived for about eighteen months on a cattle ranch. Returning then to Springfield, he entered the employ of the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company as a bookkeeper. During the seven years which he spent with this bank, he worked his way up to responsible positions, serving successively as receiving and paying teller. On September 1, 1918, he was elected treasurer of the Uxbridge Savings Bank, in which capacity he served very successfully for four years. At the end of this period, on September 1, 1922, the board of directors of the Worcester Morris Plan Company elected Mr. McCowan to his present positions, those of executive vice-president and general manager of this important financial institution. In these positions he has served since then with characteristic ability, energy and faithfulness and in them he has made important contributions to the progress and prosperity of Worcester, where he is widely and favorably known and highly regarded, both as a banker and a citizen. He is a trustee of the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank, president of the Retail Credit Association and a member of the Worcester Rotary Club, Solomon Temple Lodge, of Uxbridge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Worcester Country Club.

Mr. McCowan married, March 4, 1916, Dorothy Blake, of Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. McCowan are the parents of four sons: 1. William Blake, born December 16, 1916. 2. Horace Downe, Jr., born May 23, 1920. 3. Richard Ellsworth, born September 1, 1930. 4. Robert Lincoln McCowan, born February 12, 1933. The family residence is located at No. 27 Coventry Road, Worcester, while Mr. McCowan's offices are at No. 30 Franklin Street.

GEORGE I. ROCKWOOD—Founder and for many years executive head of the Rockwood Sprinkler Company of Worcester, George Ichabod Rockwood directs an organization which he developed for the manufacture and sale of various



George Ichabod Rockwood

patented appliances of his own invention. These are pressed metal products.

Mr. Rockwood was born at Boston, January 13, 1868, a son of Edward Otis and Caroline (Washburn) Rockwood. On his mother's side he is a direct descendant of Governor Bradford and also traces to John Alden of the Plymouth Colony and many other ancestors of Colonial fame. The paternal line also traces back to early New England history, having been founded in the Colonies by Richard Rockwood (or Rockett), who was a planter in Dorcester in 1636. Mr. Rockwood's great-grandfather, Elisha Rockwood, was a soldier of the American Revolution, serving in a New Hampshire Company.

George I. Rockwood received his preliminary education in the public schools of Newton, Massachusetts, and the Prince Grammar School, Boston. From 1880 to 1883 he studied in Montreal, and in the latter year entered Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, where he remained for two and a half years. In 1885, at the age of seventeen, he entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1888, completing the course in three and a half years. Ten years later, in 1898, he took the degree in mechanical engineering at the same institution and in 1931, in recognition of his distinguished career, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering.

He began his professional activities in 1888, when he became chief draftsman for the Wheelock Engine Company of Worcester, continuing in that capacity until 1892. From 1892 until 1905 he served as mechanical and mill engineer, specializing in power plant work, and also was a consulting engineer in Worcester until 1905. In 1906 he organized the Rockwood Sprinkler Company for the manufacture of the Rockwood automatic sprinkler head, the Rockwood automatic dry pipe valve and the Rockwood variable pressure alarm valve. Designs for these and other devices were conceived and perfected by Mr. Rockwood, who holds some twenty-five United States patents on his inventions. The Rockwood automatic sprinkler system applicances are designed to limit loss by fire. They have sold in the millions and are universally used in factories, large stores and public buildings. Mr. Rockwood was president and treasurer of the Rockwood Sprinkler Company from 1906 to 1930, when he sold out his interest. The concern has two other factories in other sections of the country, in addition to the Worcester plant, also branch offices in the principal cities of the country.

Mr. Rockwood has also been active in other phases of Worcester life. From 1907 to 1909 he served as professor of thermo-dynamics and steam engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and he has always taken a deep interest in the progress of this institution. He is now a life-member of its board of trustees and a member of the executive committee. He was for a number of years a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, president of the board of trustees of the Home for Aged Women in Worcester and a trustee of the Home for Aged Men. Mr. Rockwood is an active member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and was formerly vice-president of this organization. He is a member of the New England Cotton Manufacturers Association, a member of the American Forestry Association, the American Antiquarian Society, and of several clubs, including the Worcester and Tatnuck Country clubs of Worcester, the Boston Chess Club, the University Club and the Engineers' Club of New York. He is a Republican in politics and is a member of Central Congregational Church at Worcester. Mr. Rockwood has traveled extensively in this country and Europe, having crossed the ocean several times.

On November 13, 1890, George I. Rockwood married (first) Ellen Tyler Cheever, of Worcester, daughter of the Rev. Henry T. and Jane (Tyler) Cheever. She was born in Jewett City, Connecticut, and died at Worcester, April 6, 1933. She was a member of one of the first classes at Smith College. Though in poor health for many years, she was interested in many charities and was especially active in behalf of the Worcester Home for Aged Women. She was a member of Central Congregational Church, Worcester. Mr. Rockwood married (second), May 12, 1933, Anna V. Outhouse and by this marriage has one son, George Ichabod, Jr., born in Worcester, January 28, 1934.

GEORGE W. BAKER—In the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, where insurance and insurance corporations rank exceedingly high as "big business," George W. Baker stands out as one of the all-round experts in this unique industry. He has the remarkable combination of personality, energy, and ability which is one of the requirements of the insurance executive, and he has had the experience which has run the gamut of a dozen posts from office boy to high official. He is a native of New York, born at Brushton, November 18, 1878, son of John and Betsy (Barnum) Baker, both formerly from Hancock, Massachusetts. The senior Mr. Baker was a well-known contractor and builder, whose business led him to many parts of the East. Both parents are now deceased.

George W. Baker's education was started in the public schools of Smethport, Pennsylvania, where his father was in business for a time, and continued in Buffalo, New York, to which place the family moved. School days over, he began his business career in 1893 as an office boy in the office of the John Hancock Mutual Insurance Company, and within his stay of five years had filled most of the offices up to and including that of assistant cashier. In 1898 he quit office work for awhile and traveled as a salesman, but was soon promoted and made claim adjustor and local inspector. In February, 1902, he was called into the home office and elevated to the position of home office inspector. Two years later, still at the home office, he was made claim inspector, and for some time served as secretary to the secretary. In 1906 the new executive office of supervisor of agencies was created, and this difficult job was given to Mr. Baker who did it to the complete satisfaction of those most interested. For variety of experience and personal achievement the career, thus far, is one which rarely comes to one man, and carries with it the intimate knowledge of the many phases of the insurance business which very few men possess. And all this had occurred before Mr. Baker was thirty years of age. From 1906 to 1919 he continued as supervisor of agencies. In the latter mentioned year he was appointed district manager of a

large territory in Massachusetts, with headquarters at Worcester. It was his task to build up the company's business in this territory, a thing which he accomplished with dispatch and constantly increasing development. At a period when world-wide depression has reduced to a minimum all forms of industry, Mr. Baker remains at the head of an organization which employs about sixty people, and manages to make it pay.

Mr. Baker has never allowed business to take all his time or to quench his very normal interest and zest in social, sports, fraternal and civic affairs. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Life Underwriters' Association, the Commonwealth Club, and the Wachussett Country Club, a variety of organizations which reflects a versatility of activities. He plays golf, likes to sit in the saddle, shoots well and wets a line in many a stream and lake. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies up to and including the 32d degree, Scottish Rite, being a member of Norfolk Lodge, Needham, Massachusetts, where incidentally he once served two years as a selectman; the Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar, and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has been a "live wire" in every community in which he has made his home, and has played an important rôle in Worcester and in the drama of its development. Welfare and humanitarian movements find in him a ready helper.

On February 14, 1904, Mr. Baker married Mabel Van Norman, of Buffalo, New York, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Warren Van Norman, born January 16, 1906. 2. George W., Jr., born June 16, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Unitarian Church and make their home at No. 309 Lincoln Street, Worcester.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON BULLOCK—Professional and civic life have given Alexander Hamilton Bullock ample opportunity to achieve success as a lawyer and to be of genuine service to Worcester, Massachusetts. Equipped by temperament and training for a solid success in his exacting vocation as a counsellor-at-law, his achievements over a period of a third of a century are but a just reward of ability and hard work. What he has gained by his efforts, Mr. Bullock has shared with others less fortunate, and has given generously of his time and energy to promote the advancement of his community and the welfare of its people. The increase and betterment of educational facilities particularly interests him, and he has devoted a number of years of service to the furthering of such a desirable condition in the municipality.

Mr. Bullock was born November 7, 1874, son of Augustus George and Mary (Chandler) Bullock, the former of whom is widely known in insurance circles; he was born at Enfield, Connecticut, while Mrs. Bullock is a native of Concord, New Hampshire. The son was given all the advantages of a superior education, being a graduate of Harvard University, 1896. He read law and was admitted to the Worcester County bar in 1899, and began the practice of his profession in Worcester, which since that time has been the scene of his career. Always very much the student, he has become somewhat of a "lawyer's lawyer," one often consulted by his colleagues who hold him in high esteem. While his practice has been general in character, he has specialized in corporation law and in such laws as affect real estate. Among his business connections, he is president of the Merchants and Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Good citizenship, a field which has claimed much of Mr. Bullock's active interest, has in him a worthy exponent. During the thirty-three years of his participation in the legal and financial circles of Worcester, he has given a genuine devotion to his duties and privileges as a citizen. For seven years he served on the Worcester School Committee, three of these as the chairman. Many of the improvements in the public school system of instruction, administration, and housing, were brought about either by his introduction of measures which made for these ends or by the ardent support of measures suggested by others.

During the period when the United States was engaged in the World War, Mr. Bullock was director of the bureau of branches and customs of the War Trade Board, of the United States. This board had the control over the exports and imports of the Nation throughout the great conflict, and maintained eighteen branch offices in all parts of the United States and eight in various territories and possessions. It was a great service, generously contributed to this country. Mr. Bullock has been active in the cultural life of Worcester; he is a trustee of the Worcester Art Museum.

On June 4, 1902, Alexander Hamilton Bullock married Florence Armsby McClellan, of Worcester.

ROCKWOOD HOAR BULLOCK—In the insurance business circles of Massachusetts, the name of Bullock has been well known for two generations. Rockwood Hoar Bullock of Worcester did not attain his prominence in this particular line because of his father, but after experience in other lines of endeavor. He was born at Princeton, Massachusetts, August 21, 1881, son of Augustus George and Mary (Chandler) Bullock. His father was a native of Enfield, Massachusetts, while his mother is a member of an old Massachusetts family.

Rockwood Hoar Bullock received the preliminaries of his education in the Dalzeel Private School, and prepared for college at St. Mark's School. Matriculating at Harvard University, he was graduated with the class of 1903, holding the degree of Bachelor of Arts. College days over, he began his business career with the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company, with which he continued from 1903 to 1907. In the latter mentioned year he established himself in a general insurance business, in Worcester, and has carried on with increasing success ever since.

He is a popular figure in the financial, civic and social groups of Worcester, and is held in high esteem. He is a director of the Mechanics National Bank, and a member of the Worcester Club and the Tatnuck Country Club. Always civic-minded, he has contributed valuably to the development of Worcester, and as humanitarian, without ostentation, he has done a great deal to further the welfare and philanthropic activities of the city. Mr. Bullock is wise enough to mingle play with his work, and enjoys golf, fishing, hunting, and sports in general.

On June 8, 1905, Rockwood Hoar Bullock married Elizabeth Bliss Dewey, of Worcester, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Augustus George, 2d, born February 10, 1909. 2. Francis D., born February 21, 1911. 3. Elizabeth C., born November 19, 1914. 4. Mary C., born August 22, 1917.

GEORGE CLARKSON WHITNEY—Founder of the George C. Whitney Company, makers of Christmas cards and other seasonal specialties, George Clarkson Whitney was its president for many years and over a long period occupied a position of prominence in Worcester life.

He was born in Westminster, Massachusetts, on September 19, 1842, a son of John and Lydia (Allen) Whitney, and received his early education in the public schools of Westminster and Worcester. In 1856 he became a student in Worcester Academy, where he remained until he began the active business of life. Following the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Whitney enlisted, in November, 1862, in Company F, 51st Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, serving as a private under Captain John S. Baldwin and Colonel A. B. R. Sprague. His term of enlistment expired on July 27, 1863, when he was mustered out. For some months he had acted as clerk in the provost marshal's office under Major Harkness at Beaufort, North Carolina.

After his return from the war, Mr. Whitney started in the stationery business in a small house in East Rutland, in partnership with his brother, Sumner A. Whitney. The business was subsequently moved to a small cottage house which stood for many years at No. 86 Elm Street, and in 1866 Sumner A. Whitney retired, his place being taken by another brother, Edward Whitney. Meanwhile Mr. Whitney had begun to specialize in the manufacture of valentines. Orders came to him in increasing numbers, making larger quarters necessary and within the next few years he moved three times. In 1869 Edward Whitney withdrew from the partnership and George Clarkson Whitney continued alone. Before 1868 he bought out at least ten of his competitors in this section of the country, including the J. W. Taft Company of Worcester, the Bullard Art Publishing Company, the A. J. Fisher Company, both of New York, and the business of Esther Howland, which was the most important of all, amounting at the time of purchase to $100,000 a year. In 1869 he purchased the valentine business of Berlin and Jones, the largest manufacturers of valentines in New York. Other departments were gradually added for the production of various specialties, including Christmas cards, books and booklets, post cards and calendar pads, together with a great variety of cards, novelties and gifts for particular seasons, such as Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Hallowe'en and others. In 1894 the company was incorporated under its present name with the following officers: George C. Whitney, president; William H. Cook, treasurer; and Edgar Whidden, treasurer. In 1898 the present building was occupied at No. 67 Union Street, to which additions have been made from time to time as they became necessary.

Mr. Whitney continued to be active in the direction of the business until within two years of his death, building a successful organization which continues to operate today on the sound principles which he laid down. His interests, however, were never confined solely to business. He recognized the obligations of civic leadership and took a constructive part in community movements. Particularly notable were his contributions to the church and to the work of various religious and moral agencies. Mr. Whitney became a member of the Young Men's Christian Association in 1864. In 1872-73 and again in 1885-86 he was president of the Worcester branch of this organization; was a member of its building committee and a trustee at the time of his death. In religious faith he was a Baptist and in 1902 was elected president of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention in Boston. For twenty-five years he was superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday School in Worcester and over a long period was a deacon of the church, of which he was a member for more than fifty years. Mr. Whitney was also a member of the International Sunday School Committee from 1879 to 1883; served on the State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association from 1876 to 1883; was a charter member of the Worcester Baptist City Mission Board and its president for many years; was chairman of the executive committee of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and president of the Baptist Social Union. He was a strong advocate of the temperance movement and was active in various temperance organizations. Mr. Whitney was a trustee of the City Hospital and the Home for Aged Women. He was a trustee, secretary of the board and a member of the executive and investment committees of Worcester Academy. As a Republican, but with strong non-partisan support, he was elected to the Worcester Common Council in 1883 and 1884, and to the Board of Aldermen as the representative of Ward Eight in 1888 and 1889.

In 1870 George Clarkson Whitney married Amy Ellen Whidden, who was born in Calais, Maine, May 22, 1846, daughter of the Hon. Charles R. and Mila Frances (Smith) Whidden. Her father was born at St. George, New Brunswick, May 22, 1822, a son of General Rendol Whidden. Her mother was a daughter of the Hon. Noah Smith, of Providence, who was a descendant of the founders of the Rhode Island Colony. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney became the parents of three children: 1. Mila Frances, born April 6, 1871. 2. Florence Allen, born September 4, 1878, married the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of the Riverside Church in New York City. 3. Warren Appleton, an account of whose career follows this.

George Clarkson Whitney died at Worcester on November 7, 1915. His death was sincerely mourned throughout the city and by none more than his employees, with whom he had always maintained the pleasantest relations, manifesting a personal interest in their welfare. His career, in its varied aspects, was of enduring value to those about him.

WARREN APPLETON WHITNEY—Warren A. Whitney, president of the George C. Whitney Company and one of Worcester's leading

citizens, was born here on April 16, 1883, son of George Clarkson Whitney (q. v.) and of Amy Ellen (Whidden) Whitney. He has been a lifelong resident of this city and is well known not only as a successful business man but for his leadership in the Young Men's Christian Association and other community enterprises.

Mr. Whitney was educated in local public schools. He prepared for college at Worcester Academy, from which he was graduated in 1901, and was afterwards a student at Brown University. In 1902, however, he left college to become associated in business with his father. As the result of personal experience he learned all details connected with the company's operation and gradually assumed greater responsibility in its management. In 1908 he was elected vice-president of the company; in 1911 became general manager and after his father's death in 1915, succeeded him as president and treasurer. The early history of the company appears elsewhere in these pages. It is one of the oldest and largest manufacturers of post cards, seasonal greeting cards and novelties in the country. Under Mr. Whitney's guidance the progress of the company has been continued, in spite of a disastrous fire on January 12, 1919, which destroyed almost the entire plant and nearly all the stock on hand. The financial position of the corporation was sufficiently strong to permit an immediate new start to be made and it is today established on a wider and even firmer basis.

At present, the George C. Whitney Company occupies about 125,000 square feet of floor space, employs normally more than five hundred hands, and distributes its varied products throughout the United States. The plant is completely modern and every convenience for employees has been instituted, including hospital beds and nurses, group insurance and rest rooms.

Apart from his position as executive head of this company, Mr. Whitney is a director of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, a director of the Worcester National Bank and a trustee of the Peoples Savings Bank. He has never permitted his business interests to absorb him to the exclusion of other phases of life, however, and has represented his community and its institutions in many responsible positions. He is a trustee of Worcester Academy. After the entry of the United States into the World War, he became active in the Liberty Loan and other organized drives characteristic of the period and was a member of the local committee of the American Red Cross. For many years Mr. Whitney has been active in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association at Worcester, recognizing its great value as an instrumentality for the building of character and citizenship. In 1928 he was elected president of the Association, an honor fully merited by the great assistance he had previously rendered this organization and by the possibilities of still greater service which the position opened to him. In a less prominent way, Mr. Whitney has always lived up to the privileges and duties of good citizenship. He has been active in worthy civic enterprises and welfare movements, has contributed generously to organized charities and has made personal gifts to individual cases of need, which are known only to the many recipients. He is a member of the Worcester Club, the Worcester Country Club, the Economic Club and others, and is a member of the board of directors of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. For many years a communicant of the First Baptist Church of Worcester, he has filled, probably, all the chief offices of the church open to a layman.

On April 22, 1909, Warren A. Whitney married, at Beverly, Massachusetts, Eleanor Hinkley Brown, who was born at Beverly, June 9, 1883, daughter of George P. and Mary (Hinkley) Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney are the parents of two children: 1. George C., born September 28, 1910, a graduate of Worcester Academy and Brown University. 2. Virginia, born February 22, 1912, a student at Smith College.

WALLACE WALTER ATWOOD—The name and fame of Dr. Wallace Walter Atwood, geographer, geologist, author, are of general knowledge to the educated. The reason why may be readily understood from a listing of some of the things he is and has done, the books written and the societies and organizations of which he is an active member and prominent official. Dr. Atwood is a native of Chicago, Illinois, born October 1, 1872, the son of Thomas Green and Adalaide Adelia (Richards) Atwood. Receiving the preliminaries of an education in the public schools of his city, he matriculated at the University of Chicago, in 1893, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1897. He won his Doctor's degree in Philosophy from the same university in 1903.

Dr. Atwood began his career as an educator in 1897, as instructor in the Lewis Institute, Chicago, serving as such for two years before becoming an instructor in the Chicago Institute. A school year in this post and he was called to become an instructor and assistant professor of physiography and general geology in the University of Chicago, 1901 to 1910, and was Associate Professor in the same institution from 1910 to 1913. In 1913 he went to Harvard University as professor of physiography, remaining as such until 1920. In this year he was called to become the professor of physical and regional geography, director of the graduate school of geography, at Clark University, Worcester. During that same year Dr. Atwood was elected to the presidency of the University, which office he has graced ever since. Of the constructive and great work he has done as the head of Clark University, only a professional colleague and intimate friend is capable of judging and summarizing.

Previous to his administration, the college and the graduate division were distinct institutions with separate presidents and faculties. During President Atwood's administration the two divisions have been merged and the administrative and educational work thoroughly reorganized. In accordance with the provisions made when he came to Clark University he has established a Graduate School of Geography, which is the first institution of that type in America An athletic field has been provided for the college, and a dormitory has been erected for the freshmen.

The endowment of the University has been increased by over a half a million dollars, and the enrollment has been nearly doubled. The summer school, the home study department, and an exten-

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sion division have been organized to supplement the other services performed by the University for the benefit of those interested in higher education.

Since 1900, Dr. Atwood has been a geologist of the United States Geological Survey. His assignments have taken him into more than half of the states of the Union, but the major part of his work has been in the high mountain regions of the West. Fifteen field seasons have been spent by Dr. Atwood in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado, where the travel was always with a pack train, and the daily work involved the investigation of the deepest of canyons and the highest of mountain peaks. Three long field seasons were spent in Alaska exploring the mineral resources of that far away territory. Special investigations have been made of the great mining region about Butte, Montana, and Bingham Canyon, Utah. His studies have taken him to most of the ranges of the Rocky Mountains and to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

During 1914 to 1918, he was a captain in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Since 1929 he has been a member of the Advisory Board of the National Parks Service, and since 1930, the expert advisor of that same body. He is also president of the National Parks Association. The breadth and variety of his interests are reflected in the following list of societies and organizations of which he is a member, and of honors which have been conferred upon him. Dr. Atwood is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Geological Society of America, Sigma Xi, American Antiquarian Society, Chicago Academy of Sciences, Association of American Geographers, American Geographical Society, National Geographical Society, Sierra Club, Save-the-Redwoods League, Geological Society of Boston, American Forestry Association, National Council of Geography Teachers (past president), American Anthropological Society, Foreign member, Swedish Anthropological and Geographical Society, Honorary Senator, University of Breslau.

Dr. Atwood not only has the gift of teaching what he knows by word of mouth, but has added greatly to his reputation as an educator by his numerous books and contributions to popular and technical magazines. He is the founder (1925) and editor of the well-known "Economic Geography." Among later writings are: A series based upon studies of the San Juan District of Colorado, a subject to which he has recurred at numerous times since (1911-16), and others of similar character; a group of articles on Geography in America (1919 to 1920), which was followed by the publication of the book "New Geography" in 1920. Not a year has passed during the last decade without some important contribution from his pen. In recent years, Dr. Atwood, in collaboration with H. G. Thomas, has published a list of volumes which included "Life in Far-Away Lands," "The Americas," "Nations Beyond the Seas," "The United States Among the Nations," "Our State and Continent," "South America and the Old World." In 1931 he published "The World at Work" and "United States Among the Nations."

In 1932 he undertook a geographic study of the highlands of Guatamala, the home of the ancient Mayan people, in collaboration with the officers of the Carnegie Institute of Washington. In 1933 he was sent to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as the delegate from the United States to the Congress of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History and was elected president of that institute.

Wallace Walter Atwood married, on September 22, 1903, Harriet Towle Bradley, of Chicago, and they are the parents of four children: Rollin Salisbury, Wallace Richards, Harriet Towle, and Mary Fessenden.

ROSCOE H. GODDARD—Since his installation in the office of executive secretary of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Roscoe H. Goddard has inaugurated many progressive plans which have been put in successful operation. Through his initiative and influence, the Worcester chamber was among the first to adopt the Trades Council idea in connection with the work of this body. The plan has since been successfully demonstrated by Chambers of Commerce throughout the country.

Mr. Goddard was born in Everett, Massachusetts, June 29, 1885, son of Frederick Dean Goddard, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, who died in 1920, and Fanny (Gage) Goddard. He passed through the public schools of his native city and entered Tufts College, but left before he completed his course. Having a keen mind for business, he began his career as a representative of a brokerage firm, whose main offices were in Boston, the members being seated on the Boston Stock Exchange. He next transferred to the Barrett Company, dealers in coal tar products, and after some time in their service, accepted a position as traveling auditor for Armour and Company, of Chicago, Illinois.

His association with Chamber of Commerce work followed his resignation from the Armour staff to accept the office of secretary of the Salem Chamber. In this connection his work was of that excellent quality that the directors were loath to part with his services when he announced, in 1923, that he had been called to the executive secretaryship of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and had accepted. He was installed here as the successor of F. D. E. Babcock, and has become one of the moving and most progressive spirits in the organization. During the World War period, he rendered excellent service in working in many of the Liberty Loan drives and in other war work. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Mr. Goddard married, in 1907, Alma L. Hinckley, a native of this State, and their children are: 1. Wesley G., born June 8, 1908. 2. Kenneth K., born January 8, 1918. Mr. Goddard and his family have their residence at No. 21 Clearview Avenue, Worcester.

CHANDLER BULLOCK—A native and a lifelong resident of Worcester, Mr. Bullock has been identified for the past thirty-five years and ever since his graduation from college with one of the outstanding institutions of his native city, the State Mutual Life Assurance Company. By profession a lawyer, Mr. Bullock possesses also uncommon business and executive ability. During the past five years he has been the chief executive of this company and for many years he has been prominently identified with numerous other financial and business enterprises, both in Worcester and

elsewhere. All these have been greatly benefited by his keen judgment and his wise counsel. These he has also placed freely at the disposal of the city of Worcester and its people in connection with the work of various civic organizations, institutions and movements. The general respect, confidence and regard, freely accorded to him by all classes of his fellow-citizens, have been his much cherished reward for his constant public spirit and for his unselfish service.

Chandler Bullock was born at Worcester, August 24, 1872, a son of Augustus George and Mary (Chandler) Bullock. He received his early education in the public grammar and high schools of his native city and then attended Harvard College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1894. He then entered the Harvard Law School, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1897. Immediately after his admittance to the Massachusetts bar in 1897, he became an attorney for the State Mutual Life Assurance Company at Worcester. In 1903 he was appointed general counsel of this company and still later, in 1920, vice-president. He served in this office until 1927, since when he has been president of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company. Mr. Bullock is also vice-president of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank; a director of the Worcester Electric Light Company, the United Bancroft Hotel Company, the Worcester Morris Plan Bank, the Worcester County National Bank, and a director of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, all of Worcester, and the Boston and Albany Railroad, and the Providence and Worcester Railroad. During the World War Mr. Bullock served as chairman of a district selective service board. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the Worcester Public Library during 1911-19 and served as chairman of the board in 1919. He is a member of the board of trustees of Worcester Academy and the Bancroft School, both of Worcester; treasurer and a member of the membership council of the American Antiquarian Society and a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, of which he served as president during 1918. Fraternally he is associated with the Masonic order. His clubs include the Shakespeare Club and the Bohemian Club, of Worcester; the Union Club of Boston; and the University Club of New York City. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, while his religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Bullock married, October 17, 1900, Mabel Richardson, like himself a native of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Bullock are the parents of four children: 1. Margaret, who married Edward C. Thayer. 2. Rose, who married Roger W. Converse. 3. Noeline. 4. Vera. The family home is located at No. 41 Sever Street, Worcester, while Mr. Bullock's offices are at No. 340 Main Street, Worcester.

RICHARD CLARENCE GUEST—It is getting to be a well-known fact that many mathematicians become associated with the great insurance companies of our country, principally in the actuarial departments. Richard Clarence Guest, of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Massachusetts, and a resident of Worcester during the whole of his business career, was born at London, Province of Ontario, Canada, April 9, 1897, the son of Richard L. and Margaret (Talbot) Guest. He was reared on a farm and, after receiving the preliminaries of his education in the public schools of London, he matriculated at the University of Toronto, and was graduated with the class of 1920, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He came to Worcester, the year his university studies had been completed, to accept a position with the State Mutual Assurance Company, in the actuarial department. Since that time he has been promoted until at the time of writing he is the assistant actuary.

Mr. Guest is a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America, Fellow of the American Institute of Actuaries, and a member of the American Statistical Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Worcester Economic Club, Players Club of Worcester, vice-president of the Worcester Drama League and secretary-treasurer of the Worcester branch of the Dickens Fellowship. During the World War Mr. Guest served with the Canadian troops in an artillery corps. His church is All Saints Episcopal of Worcester.

Richard Clarence Guest married, in 1922, Mary Ann Hobbs, of Thorndale, Canada, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Dorcas Hobbs, born July 2, 1924. 2. Ann Talbot, born June 4, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Guest reside in Princeton, Massachusetts.

PARKER TROWBRIDGE—Co-founder of the Bond Club of Worcester which he helped organize, and of which he became the first president, Parker Trowbridge, one of the best known investment banking executives in the county, is resident manager of the Worcester office of Paine, Webber and Company, of Boston, a house widely and favorably known in its line.

Mr. Trowbridge was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, October 31, 1890, the son of Dr. Edward H. and Carrie Louise (Parker) Trowbridge, the former a well-known surgeon in Worcester, and the latter a native of Boston. After passing through the public schools of his home community, the son Parker took a college preparatory course at Worcester Academy. He next entered Dartmouth College, where he graduated Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1913.

Upon leaving college, Mr. Trowbridge was located in business in Chicago for a short time and then started on his career in the financial world, joining in the next year the sales organization of Paine, Webber and Company of Boston. During the two years that he was located there, he was quick to grasp the details of the business, and it was soon perceived by the firm that he possessed executive ability beyond that of many young men of his age and experience. In 1915, when Paine, Webber and Company opened their branch office in Worcester, he was sent to cover this territory and was made manager of the bond department in 1917. He succeeded Henry B. Wellington, in 1926, as resident manager of the entire Worcester office, the position he now holds. The first Worcester office of the firm was in the State Mutual Building. In July, 1918, the office was removed to the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank Building, where it occupied the second floor. By September,

1926, the firm again found it necessary to expand and make a change in quarters, and it moved to the New Central Building, 332 Main Street, where the branch office employed about thirty-five persons. Mr. Trowbridge, as resident manager, has been instrumental in building up the volume of business, bringing many new and desirable clients to the Worcester office.

During the World War, he served on various boards and committees in connection with government loan drives and relief work. He is prominent in civic and social affairs of the city, a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, affiliating with the Free and Accepted Masons, having advanced through the Knights Templar and Mystic Shrine, of the Scottish Rite, and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs are the Tatnuck Country Club, the Worcester Country Club, of which latter body he is one of the governors; the University Club, Kiwanis, the Worcester Club, Dartmouth Club of Worcester, of which he is a past president; and the Quinsigamond Boat Club. He is a member of the Unitarian Church.

Mr. Trowbridge married, in 1920, Zylpha W. Dyke, who was born in this State, and their children are: 1. Jean Parker, born June 2, 1921. 2. Nancy, born June 25, 1924. 3. Anthony Dyke, born March 30, 1928. Mr. Trowbridge and his family reside at 8 Westland Street, Worcester.

FRANK E. COLESWORTHY—An active figure in the business life of Worcester, Massachusetts, Frank E. Colesworthy is purchasing agent for the well-known Crompton and Knowles Loom Works, with which firm he had been associated for more than thirty years.

Mr. Colesworthy was born at Chelsea, Massachusetts, on April 7, 1875, a son of George E. and Ellen T. (Powers) Colesworthy, both of Chelsea. His father, who died in 1922, owned and operated the Colesworthy Book Store, Cornhill, Boston, which was established originally by his father in 1832 and which is still in existence. Ellen T. (Powers) Colesworthy died in 1930.

Frank E. Colesworthy received his education in Massachusetts public schools, and began his active career in the grocery business. After five years however, he joined the local organization of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, with whom he remained until 1899. It was in that year that he first entered the employ of the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works as a clerk in the Stock Room. Mr. Colesworthy's industry and ambition to succeed attracted favorable attention and he was gradually advanced within the company, serving in various departments until he was appointed assistant purchasing agent. Finally, in 1920 he became purchasing agent, succeeding Thomas T. Booth who had filled that office since 1892. Mr. Colesworthy's services have been of recognized value to his company. He is considered a very able business man and enjoys the respect of all his business associates.

In addition to his connection with the Crompton and Knowles Company, Mr. Colesworthy has been active in many other phases of Worcester life. He served for two years as a member of the City Council, and for three years as alderman of the Seventh Ward, discharging all obligations of these offices with conspicuous fidelity. He is associated with many civic and benevolent enterprises of the city and has been for a number of years a trustee of Worcester City Hospital. Mr. Colesworthy is a director of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, a director of the New England Purchasing Agents Association, the National Association of Purchasing Agents and its representation on the National Committee on Wool Utilization. He is affiliated fraternally with Ridgeley Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Noble Grand and with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. At Worcester he is a member and past president of the Worcester Commercial Travelers Association, a member and past president of the Worcester County Purchasing Agents Association, and is now president of the Commonwealth Club and the Hillcrest Country Club. As a young man, in 1893, he was a member for a time of the old Wellington Rifles, 2d Regiment. Mr. Colseworthy is a member of Bethany Congregational Church and was formerly chairman of its board of trustees.

In 1896 Frank E. Colesworthy married Jennie L. Lewis, of Rahway, New Jersey. They are the parents of three children: 1. Frances E., a graduate of Framingham Normal School. She was married to E. B. Myott, and they have one child, Frances S. 2. Edward H., a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, now with Robert Gair Company, Toronto, Canada. He married Zelda McKenzie and has one child, Robert. 3. Chester L., a graduate of Cushing Academy, now associated with Groton and Knight Company, in the sales department. He married Madeline Hunt.

DR. EDSON W. GLIDDEN—Since he attained the age of twenty-five, Dr. Edson W. Glidden has devoted his life and talents to the study of tuberculosis, its prevention, isolation and cure. He has a rich and extensive experience in this department of medicine and served at the head of other State institutions before he accepted his present responsible position as superintendent of the Worcester County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. This is one of the most modern institutions of its kind in the country and Dr. Glidden is ideally qualified to guide and direct its work.

He was born in Savannah, Georgia, on July 4, 1884, a son of Edson W. and Charlotte S. (O'Hanlon) Glidden. His father, who was a druggist, was born in New Hampshire and died on April 22, 1933. His mother, born in New York State, died in 1927. After completing his preliminary education, Dr. Glidden entered the University of Maryland to prepare for his professional career. He was graduated after completing the full medical course with the centenary class of 1907, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For two years thereafter he carried on postgraduate work at Baltimore and at the end of that time returned to Georgia, where he began active practice. Dr. Glidden had been attracted early to this branch of medicine and his special studies had given him an authoritative knowledge of its various aspects. He made rapid progress in his practice and soon acquired a reputation which carried his name beyond the borders of his native State.

After a period of twelve years, Dr. Glidden came to Massachusetts and for nearly ten years

served as assistant superintendent of the Lakeville State Sanatorium. At length, in August, 1930, he was called to Worcester to direct the building of the Worcester County Sanatorium, of which he was appointed superintendent. Dr. Glidden accepted the responsibility. He personally superintended and directed the drawing up of all plans, and from 1931 onward devoted all his time to the active supervision of construction work, the equipping of the sanatorium and the choice of staff and personnel. The finished institution, which opened its doors on February 1, 1933, reflects his influence. His long experience and clear vision have been of great value to the county in the successful completion of this important undertaking and credit is due him for the fidelity and unselfishness with which he has given himself to his work. As a Worcester paper wrote of him:

"Dr. Glidden is proud of the institution, as well he might be. He is very modest and is averse to having very much said about himself. A man of culture, broad experience and of sympathetic nature, he gives the best he has to his work, and his keen observation and perception as to the needs and ministries of such an institution are reënforced by many years of experience. Dr. Glidden sees great possibilities in the plant, and believes that it should stand for a good many years to come, accomplishing with marked efficiency the purpose for which it is erected."

The Worcester County Sanatorium for the care of tubercular patients is ideally equipped to meet the needs of those to whom it ministers. Located on a high point in Boylston, its construction was authorized in 1916 but it was deemed advisable to postpone its erection until a later date. Actual building was commenced on June 25, 1931, and finished in January, 1933, at a total cost, including equipment, of $1,617,000. There are almost five hundred acres of ground in the site, providing an ample and desirable setting for an institution of this kind. The building itself is architecturally impressive. It consists of three stories and a basement and has a capicity of 125 beds. Every room designed to house a patient has a southern exposure and is equipped with windows through which sunlight pours in abundance. There are many special rooms, completely equipped, providing for every possible medical and surgical need. In addition, there are "sun decks" for the use of convalescents, a library and various administration rooms. In every hospital room there is a radio. Besides the main building, a nurses' home, power plant, ten-car garage and the superintendent's residence complete the institution. There are three doctors and about thirty-five nurses in charge and every provision has been made for the accommodation of the staff.

Dr. Glidden now devotes his entire time to the supervision of the sanatorium. His distinguished career has brought him honors in his profession and he enjoys the profound respect of all his associates. Dr. Glidden is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, a member of the National Tuberculosis Association, the Massachusetts Tuberculosis Association, the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the American Hospital Association, the Southern Medical Association and the Worcester County Medical Society. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree, and having served as Master of his Blue Lodge. Dr. Glidden is also a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Economic Club at Worcester. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

In 1913 Edson W. Glidden married Margaret von L. Windegger, of Missouri. They are the parents of one daughter, Margaret C., born September 7, 1927.

JOHN W. ODLIN—It has been claimed that one of the most noteworthy developments of present-day business is the heights to which advertising and its use have been brought. John W. Odlin, of Worcester, has been connected with the publicity and advertising business throughout all his mature life, and is the founder and the president of the John W. Odlin Company, Incorporated, whose specialty is advertising on a large scale in all parts of the world, the goods of manufacturing companies. His company has chosen a difficult field, but has met with a success that is remarkable. Credit for this goes to Mr. Odlin who has been the directing force behind the activities of the corporation.

John W. Odlin was born June 6, 1880, at Concord, New Hampshire, the son of John W. and Susan Frances (Goss) Odlin, natives of New Hampshire, both now deceased, the former in 1889, and the latter in 1927. Senior John W. Odlin was a musician and a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted in the First New Hampshire Volunteers, and was wounded at the Battle of Bull Run. The son was educated in the public schools of Concord, and later took special courses in languages. As will be noted, his father died when he was but nine years old and the lad early started to contribute to the support of the family and himself. After several years in newspaper work, he took up advertising as his vocation, and later became advertising manager of the Wright Wire Company. When this concern was absorbed by the Wickwire-Spencer Company, Mr. Odlin was made the advertising manager of the Worcester division, a post he held for three years. Then, in 1922, he resigned to establish his own firm, the John W. Odlin Company, Incorporated, with headquarters in Worcester. General advertising was, and is, the base upon which this company operates, but it specializes in the placing of the advertising of wholesale products of manufacturing corporations in the United States and in many of the foreign countries.

Mr. Odlin has been generous in giving his abilities, time and energies to civic movements, and enterprises which make for the benefit of his community. During the period of America's participation in the World War, he served on all manner of committees and boards, was prominent in the drives for government loans and contributed to humanitarian and similar organizations. As was to be expected, his greatest contribution to the movements of that day were by way of advertising, he being, practically in charge of all the publicity work in Worcester. Mr. Odlin is fraternally affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and holds all the degrees of Masonry up to and including the thirty-second degree. He is well known

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in the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce of Worcester. He finds recreation at the Hillcrest Country Club and at the Tatnuck Club. Mr. Odlin keeps in touch with his colleagues in advertising through membership in the Advertising Club of the city. He is a particularly valued member of this organization, for his company is the only one in Worcester which covers the wholesale manufacturers field. Mr. Odlin is the author of numerous articles which have appeared in magazines and periodicals on subjects allied to his profession. He is a member of First Unitarian Church.

In 1916 John W. Odlin married Anne Cushing, a native of Massachusetts, and they are the parents of a daughter, born November 7, 1924.

CHARLES TAYLOR TATMAN—The city of Worcester gave a native son, Charles Taylor Tatman, to the profession of the law, and he has distinguished himself at the bar of this county, known throughout the Commonwealth and beyond its borders for its learned and illustrious members, many of whom have graced the judiciary. Mr. Tatman, who has been in practice in this jurisdiction for nearly forty years, has also an excellent political record, made up of service in the legislative chambers of his home city and the State and in an official capacity to the Republican party.

Born in Worcester, December 16, 1871, Charles Taylor Tatman is a son of Reuben James and Susan M. (Taylor) Tatman. He is a lineal descendant of Daniel Gookin, founder of Worcester, and of his grandson, Daniel Gookin, first high sheriff of Worcester County. From the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was a student in 1889-91, he entered Harvard University, graduating from the Law School with his degree of Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1894. Admitted to the bar in the year of his graduation, he has since practiced in his native city, where he is known as one of the leaders of the legal fraternity, having the esteem of his colleagues and the confidence of the judiciary. His professional affiliations include the American Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association and Worcester County Bar Association, of which latter body he served as president in 1920.

Active in politics from early manhood, he was elected chairman of the Republican City Committee of Worcester in 1898. The following year, 1899, he was representative to the General Court at Boston and was reëlected and served also in 1900. He was elected to the board of aldermen of the city of Worcester in 1906; was made a member of the executive committee of the Republican State Committee in 1914 and served for three years. In 1917-18 he was a delegate-at-large to the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention. He is a member of the American Society of International Law, a director of the Worcester Free Public Library from 1907 to 1913, and president in 1912; a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, of which he was president in 1909-11.

He is a member of the Alliance Francaise, the Sons of the American Revolution, American Antiquarian Society, American Numismatic Society, Worcester Historical Society, of which he was president in 1913; a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and the Rotary Club of Worcester, of which he was president in 1927-28. He was one of the prominent founders of the American Numismatic Association and was its first secretary. For three years he served as a member of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia (now the Massachusetts National Guard). He is a member of the Harvard Club of New York, the Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, and the Cohasse Country Club. His religious preference is Unitarian. He does considerable writing on the subject of numismatics. During the World War period he served as government appeal agent under the Selective Service Act.

Among his business connections, which he also represents professionally, are the United Bancroft Hotel Company, of which he is director and clerk, the Eastern Bridge and Structural Company, which he serves in similar capacities; Burncoat Estates, Inc., of which he is treasurer and director. He has been a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court since 1902.

Mr. Tatman married, August 28, 1901, Anna C. Svedberg, daughter of Anders and Christina F. Svedberg. They have their home at 242 Salisbury Street, and Mr. Tatman his law office in suite 900 Slater Building, Worcester.

JOHN E. WASHBURN—The Washburn name has been prominent among the industrial leaders of Worcester for nearly a century. The original John E. Washburn, grandfather of the John E. Washburn of this review, long before the latter's birth founded a business in the making of steam fittings. In 1872 he formed a partnership with a Mr. Barrett to establish the firm of Barrett and Washburn, to carry on the same line of trade and manufacturing. Still later, Silas Garfield replaced Barrett as a partner and the concern became known as the Washburn-Garfield Company, a title under which the corporation has operated ever since. The grandson of the founder of the company was born at Worcester, March 15, 1878, the son of H. Henry and Louella (Harrington) Washburn. The latter mentioned was a native of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts who died in 1882. J. Henry Washburn was for many years the president of the Washburn-Garfield Company which under his direction expanded greatly. He died in 1924.

John E. Washburn, of this review, was educated in the public schools of his natal city and early in life became associated with the corporation of which his father was the head. It was then a comparatively small affair and had been incorporated as recently as 1889 with J. E. Washburn, president; Silas Garfield, vice-president; and Charles S. Chapin, treasurer. There was nothing easy about the situation of the youthful John E., when he went into the plant, for his elders held the notion that only by working his way through every process and department of the concern could the boy be fitted to take his place alongside of the other members of the family. He learned the business and was with the company during its manufacturing as well as the jobbing stage of its progress. As jobbers the corporation has operated for about thirty years. In 1914 Mr. Washburn's father resigned from the presidency of the Wash-

burn-Garfield Company, and the son was elected to succeed him. The senior Mr. Washburn lived for another decade but was relatively inactive in the affairs of the firm. He had the pleasure of seeing his son, however, prove capable of carrying on the traditions of the family and of the business so long in the control of the Washburns of three generations. The Washburn-Garfield Company is the oldest of its kind in Worcester and one of the pioneer concerns interested in the manufacturing and distribution of steam fittings in New England. In addition to his connection with the company, Mr. Washburn is a trustee of the Mechanics Savings Bank and vice-president of the M. A. C. Plan Bank.

It is doubtful whether business, despite his achievement in this realm, is considered of the greatest importance by Mr. Washburn. A list of a few of the clubs and societies of which he is a member reflects something of the versatility of his interests. He is a member of the Worcester Club, the Commonwealth Club, of which he is a past president, the Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Country and the Tatnuck Country clubs, the Worcester Agricultural Society, of which he is treasurer, and a number of other organizations. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of Knights Templar and of the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has for years been prominent in civic and welfare movements, and like his forebears has contributed valuably to the progress and prosperity of the city. For many years he has been a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

In 1905 Mr. Washburn married Alice R. Weatherhead, a native of Massachusetts, and they are the parents of a daughter, Eloise, a graduate of the Bennett and Bancroft schools, now the wife of Bruce B. King.

JOHN D. COE—One of the substantial business men and public-minded citizens of Worcester, of which city he is a native and a lifelong resident, John D. Coe, without the aid of others or any special influence has risen from messenger boy in one of the banks to become teller, then resigned to become a partner with Maurice F. Reidy, now one of the largest concerns of its kind in the city. During his years in Worcester he has become closely identified with the life and activities of the city, and prominent in fraternal circles.

He was born in Worcester, July 10, 1880, the son of S. Hamilton Coe, who was for many years a prominent figure in the insurance world of Worcester, carrying on business until his death, October 11, 1931. His father, S. Hamilton, married Mary Ellen (Boyden) Coe. John D. Coe was educated in the grade and high schools and began his business career as a messenger in the Worcester National Bank. With this corporation he remained for fourteen years, being promoted to various posts until he was made teller. He was a most valuable employee and his resignation was much regretted by the bank he had served so well. After his resignation he founded a partnership under the firm name of Reidy, Coe and Company, and in this he has since 1913 been actively engaged, carrying on an insurance business which now is one of the largest concerns of its kind in Worcester. Mr. Coe is manager of the insurance business of the partnership with offices in the State Mutual Building.

Fraternally Mr. Coe is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all bodies of Masonry, including the Scottish Rite in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, also all the York Rite bodies including Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His clubs are the Commonwealth and Quinsigamond Boat Club. He is a member of St. Luke's Church and interested in its activities. Mr. Coe, while interested in all sorts of civic, social and other similar activities, is much inclined to devote himself to business above all else.

SAMUEL FOSS HOLMES, Ph. B.—Ever since the completion of his own education, more than a quarter of a century ago, Mr. Holmes has been successfully engaged in educational work. The greater part of his professional career to the time of writing has been spent with Worcester Academy, of which famous educational institution he has been the headmaster since 1919. Under his able and progressive management the Academy, one of the oldest and best known private preparatory schools for boys in this part of New England, has continued to maintain the position of leadership which it has enjoyed for many years. Mr. Holmes is widely and favorably known in educational circles as a capable educational administrator and is a popular member of several educational organizations and social clubs.

Samuel Foss Holmes was born at Portland, Maine, March 9, 1881, a son of Wilbur Fisk and Mary Evelyn (Howe) Holmes and a member of old and prominent New England families. He prepared for college at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Kents Hill, Maine, from which he was graduated in 1900. From there he went to Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1904. He also holds a Master of Arts degree from this institution, conferred upon him in 1910. Mr. Holmes began his educational career as a member of the faculty of his *alma mater,* serving as an assistant in English at Wesleyan University from 1904 until 1906. Following one year as master of English at the Peekskill (New York) Military Academy, where he taught during 1906-07, he became a member of the faculty of Worcester Academy in 1907 and since then he has continued to be identified with this school. After serving at first as an instructor of English from 1907 until 1911, he was made a master of English, which position he held from 1911 until 1918. During 1918-19, he was acting headmaster and since 1919 he has been headmaster of the Academy.

Worcester Academy, to the modern development of which Mr. Holmes has made many important contributions, was founded on a very modest scale in 1834 by a group of Baptist residents of Worcester, with Isaac Davis as the first president of the first board of trustees. It was originally called the Worcester County Manual Labor High School. Its first principal was Rev. Silas Bailey, who served from 1834 until 1838. He was succeeded by Professor S. S. Greene, who served from 1838 until 1840, and by Nelson Wheeler, who served from 1840 until 1844. Though the school served a very definite need and served it well, it was forced to

close for lack of funds in 1844. However, in 1845 it was enabled to reopen, additional funds having been subscribed. Two years later, in 1847, its name was changed to its present form. Soon after its reopening, Eli Thayer, who had received his early education at the Academy and then was graduated from Yale University, became headmaster. Under him and his successor, Isaac Davis, who had been identified with the Academy since its foundation, the institution enjoyed at times a considerable measure of success and prosperity, but at other times had to fight hard to continue in existence. At one time it was even threatened with extinction of its individuality, when it was proposed to merge it with the Newton Theological Seminary, the accomplishment of this project being prevented only through the intervention of the State, the authorities of which refused to consent to such an arrangement. After that Professor William C. Poland, later a member of the faculty of Brown University, was headmaster for several years. He was succeeded by Professor Nathan Leavenworth. In 1882 Dr. Daniel W. Abercrombie became headmaster, in which capacity he continued to serve with great success for thirty-six years until he resigned in 1918. Under his long and very able administration the Academy enjoyed steady growth and its reputation was greatly enhanced until today its graduates are welcomed by even the most discriminating institutions of higher learning. This reputation has been fully maintained by Dr. Abercrombie's successor, the present headmaster and the subject of this article, Mr. Samuel Foss Holmes. The enrollment is limited to two hundred and fifty boys. The academy, which is beautifully located and has a very complete equipment of modern buildings and a fine athletic field, is well known for the thorough college preparation which its students receive. It has a large and carefully selected faculty and may justly be proud of the high rank which it holds in the educational world, and for the important services which it has rendered for so long to the cause of education.

Mr. Holmes is a member of the Headmasters' Association, the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the National Education Association and the New England Association of Teachers of English, as well as the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa. He is also a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and of the Worcester, Rotary, Shakespeare, and Friday clubs, all of Worcester, and of the Brooklawn Country Club of Bridgeport, Connecticut. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, while his religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Holmes married (first), December 26, 1908, Mary D. Adams, of West Newton, Massachusetts, and (second), June 30, 1929, Katherine Wheeler Clark, of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

JAMES E. STINSON is treasurer of Stark, Johnson and Stinson, one of the best known general insurance companies of Worcester. He was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1892, the son of Thomas and Isabelle F. (Fraley) Stinson, the former of whom was a well-known Philadelphia manufacturer. He matriculated at Haverford College and attended Princeton University with the class of 1914.

Mr. Stinson began his career in business as an employee of the United Gas Improvement Company of Philadelphia, serving as cadet engineer previous to the period of the United States participation in the World War. He started his career in the insurance business at Worcester. The history, in brief, of the company of which he is now an executive is this: In 1908 William N. Stark established a general insurance business under his own name; in 1919 he took in as partners, Charles W. Johnson, James E. Stinson, and Fred P. Abbott, the concern being known as William N. Stark and Company. Mr. Abbott soon withdrew; in 1925 the associates called themselves Stark, Johnson and Stinson. In 1928 Mr. Stark retired and died two years later. In 1931 the business was incorporated as Stark, Johnson and Stinson, with C. W. Johnson as president and Mr. Stinson as treasurer. All forms of insurance are written including life, and the company has been successful in gaining a large clientele.

Mr. Stinson is married to Dorothy Beacon, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children: Thomas B., born October 23, 1917; and Mary E., born June 9, 1922.

DR. HOMER GAGE—Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and for many years a distinguished figure in his profession, Dr. Homer Gage has been equally active in the business and civic life of Worcester. His career has been notable for the constructive value of his accomplishments and the broad range of his interests.

Dr. Gage was born in Worcester on October 18, 1861, a son of Thomas Hovey and Annie M. (Lane) Gage and a descendant, both paternally and maternally, of old Massachusetts families. He received his preliminary education in local public schools, prepared for college at Worcester High School and in 1878 entered Harvard, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1882 *magna cum laude*. Subsequently he received the Master of Arts degree *cum laude*. He entered Harvard Medical School in preparation for his chosen career and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1887. Returning to Worcester, he established himself in general practice as a physician. He was chiefly interested in surgery, however, and gradually limited his practice solely to that field. In his professional pursuits, Dr. Gage was successful from the beginning. He built up a wide local practice and through the merits of his services achieved a distinguished reputation which brought him recognition throughout the country. Dr. Gage has received many honors at the hands of his colleagues. In addition to his election as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, he was chosen vice-president of the American Surgical Association and president of the New England Surgical Association. In both of these organizations he was active for many years. He is also a member and in 1917 was president of the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors, to which he is eligible through his connection with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company. He is both medical director and a member of the board of directors of that company. At Worcester, he was for twenty-five years visiting surgeon to the Worcester City Hospital and

helped to establish St. Vincent's Hospital, serving as visiting surgeon for ten years and for thirty-five years he served in the same capacity at Memorial Hospital. He is now president of the board of trustees of the latter institution and has contributed much to its progress. Dr. Gage has written many articles on medical and surgical topics and these have been published in various professional journals.

Dr. Gage has been hardly less active in business and financial life. He is a director of the First National Bank of Boston, the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston, the Worcester County National Bank, the Worcester Bank and Trust Company and a trustee of the Worcester County Institution for Savings. In 1921, upon the death of his brother-in-law, he was elected president of the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works and has since occupied that office. His sound judgment and executive capacity have won him the profound respect not only of his associates but of industrial leaders throughout the county. During the past decade he has risen to a position of prominence in business life entirely comparable with his high professional standing.

In spite of the pressure of his own affairs, Dr. Gage has never neglected the duties of good citizenship. He has given his services freely to a wide variety of civic projects and has always been willing to assume the obligations of leadership in these enterprises when convinced that he could genuinely be of service. He is president of the Worcester Community Chest and since 1921 has been president of the Golden Rule drives, taking a personal interest in caring for the needier classes of the community. Since 1907 he has been a trustee of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and since 1911 has been treasurer of that institution, which conferred upon him in 1929 the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering in recognition of his many services to the school and his distinguished position in Worcester life. Dr. Gage has also been a member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University since 1921 and is now a member of the executive committee of the board and chairman of the committee on honorary degrees. He was chairman and the guiding spirit of the American Committee which built a dormitory for 250 American students at the University of Paris and is now vice-president of the Conseil d'Administration de Fondation des Etats Unis. For his work in this connection, he was made a Commander of the Legion of Honor of France while Mrs. Gage, who shares his interest in the undertaking, was made an officier of the Legion of Honor. She has rendered other services to American institutions in France, being a director of the American Hospital at Rheims and American President of the "Fraternité Franco-Americaine."

During the World War, Dr. Gage enlisted in the United States Army Medical Corps, was commissioned major and served in the Surgical Division at Camp Devens from 1917 to 1919. He was promoted to lieutenant-colonel and received his honorable discharge with that rank in 1919. He also did his full share in the numerous Liberty Loan and welfare drives of the World War period. Dr. Gage is a member of the Worcester Club, Tatnuck Club, the Union Club of Boston and the Harvard Club of New York and Boston, the University Club of Paris and Interallié of Paris. The passing years diminishing but little his many activities, have brought him added honors and respect.

On July 15, 1893, Dr. Homer Gage married Mabel Reynolds Knowles of Worcester.

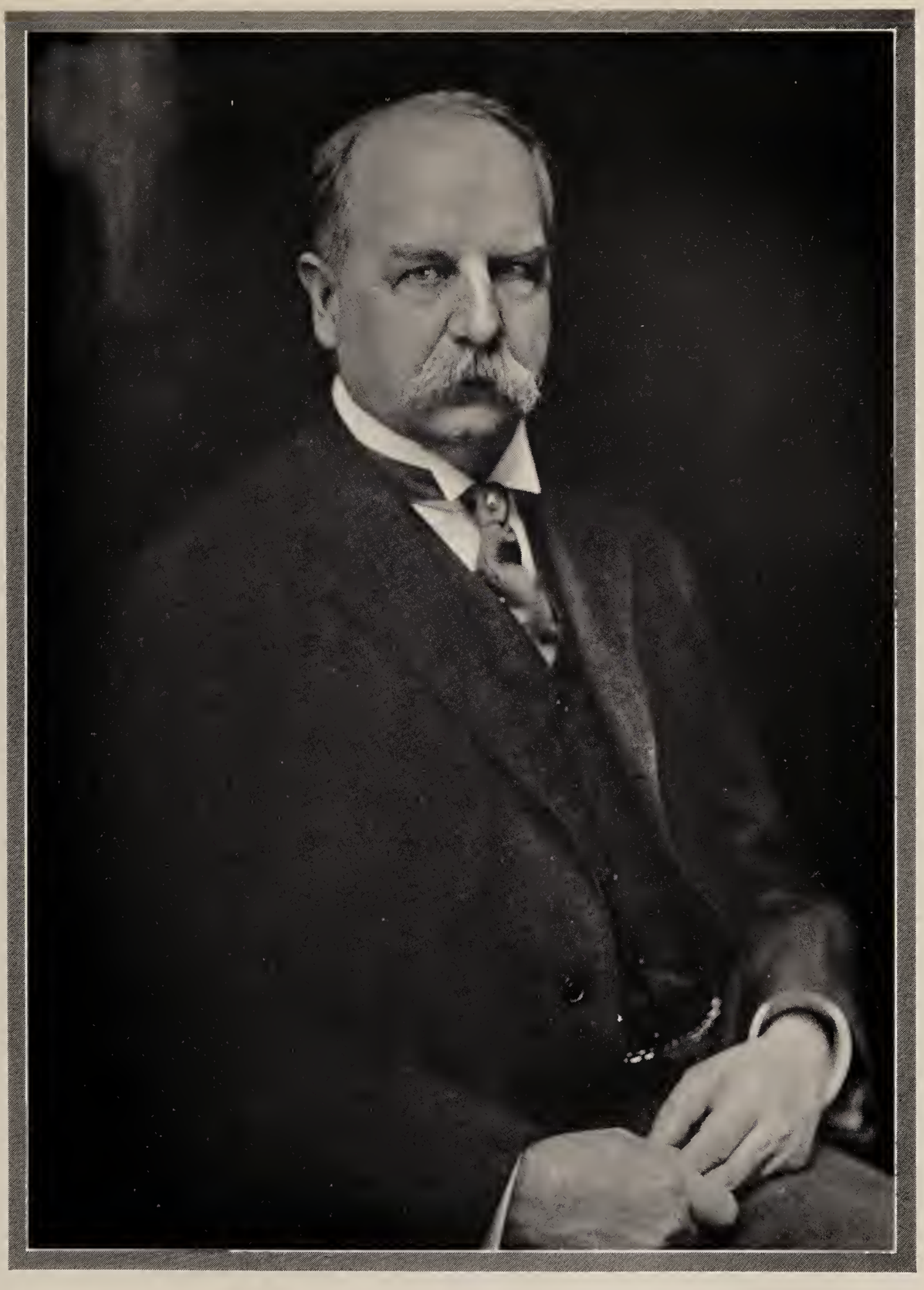
SAMUEL B. WOODWARD, M. D.—As physician, surgeon, financier and civic leader, Dr. Samuel B. Woodward has played a prominent rôle in the drama of Worcester, Massachusetts, life. He is a native of the city, born August 24, 1853, and, except for the period of his scholastic and professional training, his whole career has been associated with the development of this place. His parents were Samuel and Lucy Elizabeth Rogers (Treadwell) Woodward; and his father, though born in Connecticut, spent all of his mature years as a merchant in Worcester. Mrs. Woodward was a native of Ipswich, Massachusetts. Both parents are now deceased, the father having passed away in 1888 and the mother in 1857.

Samuel B. Woodward, whose name heads this review and who has figured so prominently in professional affairs in this city, received his preliminary education in the public schools here, later becoming a student at Harvard University. From that institution, he was graduated in 1874 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In preparation for a medical career, he matriculated at the Harvard Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1878 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For eighteen months thereafter, he was an interne at Boston City Hospital. Then, going abroad, he studied in hospitals and universities at Dublin, London, Paris, Vienna, and Strassburg.

After this most extensive and intensive training for his exacting profession, Dr. Woodward began his active work as a physician in Worcester, Massachusetts, devoting himself to the general practice of medicine and surgery until 1921. Successful from the very outset of his career, he won high place by his achievements, not only among the growing number of patients in his community, but also in the ranks of his colleagues in the county and State at large.

He was also a popular figure in the different societies of the medical profession, and a frequent contributor to medical journals and the general press. His articles and papers on important medical questions were favorably received, winning him a place of high regard in a wide professional circle. Recognized as one of the leading surgeons in this part of Massachusetts, he served for many years on the surgical staffs of the three Worcester hospitals, City, Memorial and St. Vincent's, became president of the trustees of Memorial and is still a member of the board. During the World War, Dr. Woodward placed himself at the command of the government. He was prominent on many of the boards and committees organized to carry on the wartime program, and active in financial campaigns, receiving a certificate from Washington for his services.

In 1921, retiring from the practice of medicine, Dr. Woodward began to devote himself wholly to financial affairs. In 1912 he became president of the Worcester County Institution for Savings; and since then he has continued in this office. This enterprise is more than a century old, having been organized in 1828. At the time of writing (1932),



Samuel W. Woodward

it has total assets of $61,561,927.23, that having been the figure as of January 2, 1932. The first savings bank in Worcester County, it is now not only the oldest but the largest. Its first president was Daniel Waldo, who served from 1828 to 1845. Dr. Woodward is the sixth president, the intervening chief executive officers having been: Stephen Salisbury, from 1845 to 1871; Alexander Bullock, from 1871 to 1882; Stephen Salisbury, Jr., from 1882 to 1904; Charles A. Chase, from 1904 to 1908, and Alfred Aiken from 1908 to 1912. The treasurers have also been six in number in this more-than-a-century period of time: first, Samuel Jennison, from 1828 to 1853; second, Charles A. Hamilton, from 1853 to 1879; third, Charles A. Chase, from 1879 to 1904; fourth, Alfred L. Aiken, from 1904 to 1908; fifth, Albert L. Stratton, from 1908 to 1920; and sixth, Dwight S. Pierce, since 1920. In addition to Dr. Woodward, president, and Mr. Pierce, treasurer, the other executive officers are now Waldo Lincoln, Leonard Wheeler, and T. Hovey Gage.

In the affairs of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company and the Worcester National Bank, Dr. Woodward has also figured prominently as a director, so that, for his many activities, he is regarded as one of Worcester's outstanding financiers. His attitude was that forty years of practice had fully discharged his humanitarian obligations in the medical profession, so that he might concentrate his time and energies upon banking. He found, upon entering his new field of endeavor, however, that the amount of care he had to give to that portion of the financial structure that he encountered required as much time as had his devotion to human medicine and surgery. His application to his new duties has made his career one of outstanding achievement, with the result that he is recognized today as a man of versatility and unusual personal power.

In addition to both medicine and banking, Dr. Woodward has given his attention to many organizations and their work. He is a past president of the Worcester County Medical Society and the Massachusetts State Medical Society, a member of the American Medical Association, a member of the American Antiquarian Society, and a member of the Bohemians, the Chamber of Commerce, president 1921-22, the Economic Club, the Harvard Club of Worcester, the Foreign Policy Association, vice-president of the Massachusetts Civic League, a member of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Natural History Society, the Worcester Historical Association, the Tatnuck Country Club, the University Club of Worcester, the Worcester Art Museum, the Worcester Club, the Worcester City Horticultural Society, the Worcester Fire Society, the Players' Club of Worcester, the Union Club of Boston, and the Harvard Club of Boston.

In 1884, Dr. Woodward married Margaret Perley, of Concord, New Hampshire, daughter of Ira Perley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of that State.

ROY L. BROWN—Managing director of the Bancroft Hotel, Worcester, Roy L. Brown has given the whole of his career to hotel enterprise, in the circles of which he has been active down to the present time. Few hotel men of New England are better known; few are more highly regarded for the success of their enterprises, than is he.

A native of Alabama, Mr. Brown was born at Decatur, on August 7, 1875. He is a son of Charles R. and Carrie Thorndike (Lemon) Brown, the latter a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and the former of Ohio. The elder Mr. Brown was a contractor. His death occurred in 1910, and he is survived by Mrs. Brown, now a resident of Worcester.

The family left Decatur, Alabama, when Roy L. Brown was a child. He received his academic instruction in the public and high schools of Cincinnati and began his career as a hotel worker there. His first position was that of key clerk at the old Palace and he continued at the renowned old hostelry, rising by merit of ability to the post of chief room clerk, thus early showing very clearly his marked talent in hotel operation. From the Palace he transferred to management of the Bristol Hotel, another well known hotel of the time in Cincinnati. Mr. Brown, as manager thereof, had the distinction of being the youngest hotel manager in the State of Ohio, as well as one of the ablest.

In 1900 he came to New England, becoming assistant manager of the Somerset, in Boston. With that organization he continued, adding materially to its success, for twelve years. When Boston's famous Copley Plaza was opened, he became its assistant manager, continued as such for three years, and then went to New York City, as manager of the Breslin, which was owned and operated by the Copley Plaza Company. In charge of the Breslin, he remained nine years. By this time, of course, he was numbered prominently among the leading hotel men of the city of New York.

Leaving the management of the Breslin then, Mr. Brown entered business for himself, opening the Selgrave Apartment Hotel, in Park Avenue, New York. That was in 1923, and he continued in charge of the Selgrave until July, 1925.

On July 22, 1925, Mr. Brown came to Worcester, as manager of the Bancroft, and has continued here as the hotel's chief executive through the years succeeding, having built up what is considered by hotel men to be one of the best hostelries in the State of Massachusetts.

Although Mr. Brown's responsibilities as manager of the hotel are somewhat confining and of great weight, he has by no means limited his interests solely to those of his principal career as hotel manager. He is active in civic and social movements of city and State; a member of the Worcester Country Club, Rotary Club, and an honorary member of the Exchange Club; belongs to the Commonwealth Club, Advertising Club, and the American Hotel Association; is a leader in affairs of the Massachusetts and New England Hotel Association, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His favorite recreations are in the out-of-doors, fishing, hunting, and on the links.

Mr. Brown married, on April 22, 1900, Blanche Johnson, of Cincinnati, and they have a daughter, Marion, who married E. Melton Waters, of New York City, where she now resides.

FORDYCE TURNER BLAKE—A member of an old and prominent Massachusetts family and a native of Worcester, Mr. Blake has been a lifelong resident of the city of his birth, excepting only the years spent away from home, while he was preparing for and attending college, and later those which he gave to the service of his country during the World War. One of the leading bankers and business men of Worcester, Mr. Blake has also long been a leader in civic and social affairs and gives much of his time to several benevolent institutions. Through his various activities he has made and still is making important contributions to the furthering of civic progress and to the advancement of the welfare of the community, its people and its institutions.

Fordyce Turner Blake was born at Worcester, February 10, 1889, a son of the late George F. and Caroline Howard (Turner) Blake, both natives of Massachusetts. His father, who was long successfully engaged in the iron and steel business in Worcester and who was for many years vice-president of the State Mutual Life Insurance Company of Worcester, died in 1928, having been predeceased by his wife in 1917. Mr. Blake prepared for college at the Milton Academy, from which he was graduated in 1908. He then entered Harvard University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1912. In the same year he entered the investment banking and brokerage business, in which he has been continuously engaged since then with marked success. He is now a partner in the firm of Jackson and Curtis, well known Boston investment bankers and brokers, and he is the resident partner of the firm in Worcester. The main offices are at No. 10 Post Office Square, Boston, while the firm's offices in Worcester are at No. 340 Main Street. In 1929, following the death of his father, Mr. Blake became president of George F. Blake, Inc., iron and steel merchants, in which capacity he has continued the business, originally founded by his father, most successfully. The plant of this corporation, long one of the leading establishments of its type in this part of Massachusetts, is located in Worcester.

In spite of his extensive and important business connections, which make heavy demands on his time and energy, Mr. Blake has found it possible to interest himself actively in many other phases of the community's life. He is a trustee of the Worcester County Institution, the Home for Aged Women and the Hahnemann Hospital. He is also a member of the United States Naval Institute, the American Legion, and the Military Order of the World War. His clubs include the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club, the University Club and the Harvard Club, all of Worcester, as well as the Harvard Clubs of Boston and of New York City. Soon after the United States entered the World War on the side of the Allies, Mr. Blake, in May, 1917, entered the United States Navy as a gunner's mate on the United States ship "Pawnee." Commissioned an ensign in September, 1917, he was transferred to Washington, District of Columbia, in October, 1917, for duty in the office of the Chief Cable Censor. In January, 1918, he was sent to Pernambuco, Brazil, as cable censor, serving there in that capacity until June, 1918, when he was sent home on account of illness. After treatment at the Brooklyn, New York, Naval Hospital, Mr. Blake recovered his health and then served in the office of the cable censor at New York City until he was placed on the inactive list in January, 1919. For many years he has been prominently identified with Masonic affairs and he is a popular member of numerous Masonic bodies, including the following: Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Aleppo Temple, of Boston, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Blake married, September 27, 1912, Ethel Kinney, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Blake, who make their home at No. 12 Military Road, Worcester, are the parents of two sons: 1. Fordyce Turner, Jr., born July 17, 1913. 2. Charles K., born January 29, 1922.

IRVING M. STODDARD—One of the many interesting commercial developments of the present century was the "dining car," that nicely built diner on wheels which one is likely to find located at a strategic place inside cities and towns, or along the highways, catering to the people who desire to eat promptly yet well. The oldest company making these cars is that formed by Granville M. Stoddard and Philip H. Duprey in 1906, its original plant being situated at Franklin and Grafton streets, Worcester. Granville M. Stoddard died in 1921 and was succeeded by the son, whose name heads this review.

Irving M. Stoddard, son of Granville M. and Laura J. (Stockman) Stoddard, both natives of Maine, was born December 16, 1872, at Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was educated in the local public schools and business college, and studied for nearly two years in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. School days over, he became associated with his father in the manufacture of diners, and has since that time so continued. Upon the demise of his father in 1921, he succeeded to his father's interest in the concern, of which he is the treasurer and general manager. Mr. Stoddard is also a partner of Philip H. Duprey in the Duprey Realty Company, insurance and real estate, and is a director of the Peoples Loan Company, and of the Eastern Point Land Company. The Worcester Lunch Car Company, of which mention has been made, has been located since about 1918 on Quinsigamond Street, Worcester. It is one of the largest, and oldest manufactories of its kind, its products being sent to all parts of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Stoddard has, in a quiet way, done a great deal to further the progress and prosperity of Worcester, both as an employer of labor and as a public-minded citizen. He is a popular figure in the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Commonwealth Club, and the United Commercial Travelers' Society. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Quinsigamond Lodge, and is a member of all the bodies of Masonry up to, and including the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite. His religious faith is that of the Congregational Church.

CLARENCE CHAMBERLAIN DODGE—Treasurer and general manager of George F. Blake, Incorporated, Clarence C. Dodge has been a prominent figure in the industrial and business

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ife of Worcester County for many years. He was born at Rutland, Massachusetts, on December 25, 1877, a son of the Rev. George S., born in Waldoboro, Maine, and Laura (Chamberlain) Dodge, born in Hartford, Connecticut. His father, who was a minister of the Congregational Church and very well known throughout this section, died in 1924. He was a graduate of Hartford Theological Seminary. Laura (Chamberlain) Dodge, his wife, died in 1919.

Clarence C. Dodge was educated in Massachusetts public schools and at Worcester Academy. He has been connected with George F. Blake, Incorporated, and its predecessors during practically all of his active career, beginning with them when he was only fifteen years old. He was employed at first in minor capacities, but gradually rose within the organization as he demonstrated his qualifications for greater responsibility and eventually became general manager of the company, then known as the George F. Blake, Jr. Company. Since its incorporation in 1929 as George F. Blake, Incorporated, he has been treasurer and general manager. Other officers are: Fordyce T. Blake, president, and George F. Stobbs, secretary.

The history of this concern dates back to 1884 when George F. Blake formed the partnership of Blake and Boutelle to carry on a business in steel, iron, sheet metal and heavy hardware. In 1886 Mr. Blake bought out the interest of his partner. Headquarters of the company have always been located at Foster and Mechanic streets, Worcester. In 1924 a large warehouse was erected by the company on Summer Street, and in 1928 an addition to the Foster Street plant. In 1930 they added another line to their business, dealing in auto tires, oils, batteries and supplies, etc.

Mr. Dodge's services have been an important factor in the success and recent growth of the company and it was under his leadership that the George F. Blake Company made such an excellent record in supplying factories and industries with steel during the World War period. Mr. Dodge is past president of the New England Steel and Heavy Hardware Association of Boston, and the American Steel Warehouse Association of Philadelphia. Apart from his business connections, he has been identified in many ways with the progress of Worcester County and is a well-known figure in the life of this section. Mr. Dodge is affiliated fraternally with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and with the Commandery, Knights Templar, the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Grotto, Mystic Order, Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. He is a member of the Worcester Club, the Worcester Country Club, the Tatnuck Island Club, the Commonwealth Club, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and several fish and game associations, while in religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church. During the World War he served on a number of boards and committees. Mr. Dodge has been a director of the Eastern Bridge Company for a period of years.

In 1901, Clarence C. Dodge married Alice Hicks Fernald, of Massachusetts, daughter of James W. Fernald and Emma (Hicks) Fernald. They are the parents of one daughter, Ruth, a graduate of Wheaton College and now the wife of C. F. Penney.

JOHN P. FRANKLIN is well known in business in Worcester where he has for a number of years been the treasurer of the David Gessner Company, manufacturers of textile machinery.

Mr. Franklin was born on April 30, 1897, at Muncie, Indiana, son of L. A. and Lillian (Smith) Franklin, of that place. The father, who was formerly a carriage manufacturer, is now retired. In the public schools of his native place in Indiana, John P. Franklin, of this review, received his early education, afterward attending Worcester Academy. He later attended Cornell University.

Determining upon a business career, he entered the textile industry giving spcial attention to the needs of the trade in the field of machinery. His first employment was with the Union Special Machinery Company, of Chicago, Illinois, where he acted as production manager. In 1921 he came to Worcester to accept the general managership of the David Gessner Company plant, engaged in manufacture of a similar sort. A short time later he was made treasurer of this organization, the position that he continues to hold at the time of this writing. The company employs about seventy-five hands in the making of the Gessner machines, which are distributed in the textile industry throughout the United States and foreign lands. David Gessner, the president of the company, is a recognized authority on textile machinery; and has written a number of articles on the equipment of textile plants. A biographical record of him together with a history of this business appears elsewhere in these pages. The company occupies 40,000 square feet of floor space, its expansion having been continuous and sound.

In addition to his position as treasurer of his company, Mr. Franklin is associated with the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, in which he is a member of the new industries committee, and the Rotary Club. He is also a member of the Worcester Country Club and the Quinsigamond Club. In the World War he served as a member of the 19th Field Artillery and held the rank of sergeant in the American Expeditionary Forces.

John P. Franklin married, in 1929, Louise Sagar, of Duluth, Minnesota, daughter of a prominent family of that city. Two children have been born of this union: 1. Richard P. 2. Barbara.

CHARLES REGINALD FITZGERALD—The important office of actuary in the State Mutual Life Assurance Company has been filled by Charles R. Fitzgerald for nearly a quarter of a century. His length of service carries its own testimonial to his ability to discharge the exacting duties of head of this important department in Worcester County's largest corporation. Mr. Fitzgerald's father, William Fitzgerald, was a native of London, Ontario, Canada, and for thirty years held the post of superintendent of insurance for the Dominion of Canada at Ottawa, 1882-1912. He died January 22, 1921, age 77. He married Helen Josephine Ryerson, of the well-known New Jersey family of that name. She died June 28, 1912, age 65.

Charles Reginald Fitzgerald, son of William and Helen Josephine (Ryerson) Fitzgerald, was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 15, 1878, and received his education in the public schools of Ottawa and the University of Toronto, where he

graduated in the class of 1900 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

His connection with the insurance profession began in Toronto and he has since been identified with this line. In 1905 he came to Worcester and accepted a position as clerk in the actuarial department of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company. He made good from the very beginning and advanced rapidly. Two years after his arrival he was promoted to assistant actuary, in 1907, and in January, 1909, was advanced to actuary as the successor of E. J. Sartelle. His work has been eminently satisfactory to the company and contributory to the great success the company has enjoyed since he has been at the head of his department. He participates in the civic life of the city, having affiliation with the Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, and holding membership in the "Blue" Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and the Royal Arch Masons. He is a Delta Kappa Epsilon man of Toronto University. His church fellowship is with All Saints parish (Episcopal). He is the father of a son, Reginald Fitzgerald, born May 27, 1913, and they have their home at 5 Montvale Road, Worcester.

DUNCAN H. DEWAR—After a decade of banking experience in Boston, Massachusetts, Duncan H. Dewar came to Worcester to become associated with one of the manufacturing concerns of that city. He is a Bostonian by birth, the son of Daniel and Margaret (Walker) Dewar, born June 10, 1880. His father was a native of Scotland, who as a young man came to this country and was for many years engaged in the building trade; he died in 1919. His mother was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, and died in 1916.

Duncan H. Dewar attended the public schools, and matriculating at Harvard University, he was graduated with the class of 1905, a Bachelor of Arts. He then became associated with the well-known Boston firm, of Hornblower and Weeks, remaining with them for nearly ten years, until 1915 when he was invited to join forces with the B. S. Roy and Son Corporation of Worcester, of which he became president in 1925, succeeding Herbert K. Sparrell. The company is a very old concern, established in 1868 by B. S. Roy, the inventor. It was the first to manufacture a chain tranverse grinding machine which has come into universal use. The business was started as a partnership but in 1915 was incorporated. The company manufactures grinding machines and textile machinery; its products are shipped to all parts of the world.

Fraternally, Mr. Dewar is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of all the bodies both York and Scottish Rite and in the latter he has attained the thirty-second degree. He is a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Among his clubs are the Harvard Club of Boston, the University Club and the Wachusetts Country Club of Worcester. He is a Universalist in his religious faith.

On June 10, 1918, at Boston, Mr. Dewar married Serena Sparrell Roy, and they are the parents of a son, Duncan H., Jr., born May 8, 1923.

JAMES E. BIGWOOD—Among the men who have contributed to the importance of Worcester, Massachusetts, as an industrial center, may be numbered James E. Bigwood, treasurer of the Fleming Manufacturing Company, and assistant treasurer and general manager of the Stafford Steel and Iron Works. He was born in Orange, Massachusetts, January 21, 1892, the son of George H, and Annie E. (Gunson) Bigwood. His father was a native of England engaged throughout the most of his life in the steel industry, and who died in 1924. Mrs. Bigwood, although born in Massachusetts, was educated in England.

James E. Bigwood attended the public schools and was graduated from a business college before starting out to make a livelihood. He tried his hand at several occupations before becoming associated with the Stafford Iron Works, a concern organized in 1915 for the manufacture of iron and steel for use in construction work and to ornament buildings. C. F. Davis was the first president who continued at the head until his death in 1931. At that time H. A. Hall was elected president, and James Bigwood, assistant treasurer and general manager. The business which started on a small scale has made a solid and steady growth, for which much of the credit is given to Mr. Bigwood.

The Fleming Manufacturing Company was formed in 1929 to make precision tools for the automotive industry. C. F. Davis was also the treasurer of this company, and James E. Bigwood succeeded him as treasurer. The products of the company are distributed throughout the United States. Mr. Bigwood devotes so much time and energy to his business affiliations that he enters into public activities but rarely. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of several local clubs. His church is the Baptist, and he is keenly interested in humanitarian and charitable work.

In 1922, James E. Bigwood married Grace E. Streeter, a native of Massachusetts, and they are the parents of a daughter, Janet E., born March 23, 1924.

TREFFLY C. CAPISTROM—An electrical engineer of wide experience and distinguished record, Treffly C. Capistrom is well known in engineering circles of Massachusetts and New England. He is at present superintendent and division manager of the New England Power Company at Worcester.

Mr. Capistrom was born on January 4, 1894, at Millbury, Massachusetts, a son of Oliver and Elizabeth (Trabault) Capistrom, both now deceased. His father, who was a cabinetmaker by trade, was a native of the Province of Quebec, Canada. He died in 1932 and his wife, who was born at Fisherville, Massachusetts, died in 1914.

Treffly C. Capistrom received his preliminary education in the public schools and subsequently entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he remained until 1913. He began his electrical career with the Suburban Electric Company in Uxbridge. Later he went to Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where he was placed in charge of operations of the new plant in that city. Several years later he returned to Worcester where he was engaged in disptach work and subsequently took a position with the

Grafton County Electric Light and Power Company at Lebanon, New Hampshire. Here he remained until 1928 when he was appointed to his present position as superintendent and division manager of the central office of the New England Power Company located at Worcester. Mr. Capistrom is well qualified by experience and demonstrated ability for the responsible office he now holds. He has a very successful record and is well known in engineering circles throughout New England.

Mr. Capistrom has always given his best attention to his professional work, but has also found time to be active in the general life of Worcester. He is a member of the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Wachusett Country Club and several other organizations, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. In religious faith he is a member of the Episcopalian Church. Mr. Capistrom's success has been won solely through his own efforts. He holds an important position in Worcester life and enjoys the respect of the entire city.

In 1919, Treffly C. Capistrom married Nellie Seinor. They are the parents of one son, Robert F., born December 6, 1923. The residence of the family is maintained in Milbury, Massachusetts, at No. 19 Prospect Street.

FRANK CHANNING SMITH, JR.—One of the leading attorneys of Worcester, Massachusetts, of which city he has been a resident for three decades, Frank Channing Smith, Jr., is also prominently identified with the civic and humanitarian affairs of the community and has contributed valuably to its progress and prosperity. He is a popular and highly esteemed figure in the legal fraternity, being somewhat of a "lawyer's lawyer," one often consulted by his colleagues, and one having an outstanding reputation as a brilliant specialist in corporation law. He is a native of Massachusetts, born May 22, 1877 a son of Frank C. and Hattie R. (Chase) Smith, the former coming from Blackstone, Massachusetts.

Frank Channing Smith, Jr., after attending the public schools in preparation for college, matriculated at Harvard University, from which he was graduated in 1900 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then pursued technical studies leading to the degree of Bachelor of Laws, which he gained in the Harvard College of Law, upon his graduation with the class of 1902. In March of that same year he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession at Worcester, Massachusetts. Almost immediately he became a member of the law firm of Blackmer, Vaughan and Smith, and was thus associated until 1907, when he became a member of Smith & Gaskill, lawyers, engaged in general practice. In 1914 the firm was changed to Thayer, Smith and Gaskill. As stated, Frank Channing Smith, Jr., specializes in corporation law, and both in it and his general practice, has achieved a notable career. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Society, and also of the Massachusetts State and the American Bar associations.

Among other of Mr. Smith's activities are included: Director of the Mechanics National Bank; trustee of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank; and he is financially interested in several industrial and commercial concerns. He is a trustee of Smith College; Visitor of Fine Arts Department, Harvard University; trustee of Worcester Art Museum; president, Worcester Traveler's Aid Society; chairman of the board, Mt. Wachusett State Reservation; member, National Council Layman's League; member, Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, Harvard Club of Boston, Union Club of Boston, University Club, Worcester Historical Society, Worcester Horticultural Society, Worcester Musem of Natural History, and several other clubs and societies. His religious affiliations are with the Unitarian Church, in which local organization he has served on numerous boards and committees.

In 1904, Frank Channing Smith, Jr., married Amy J. Williams, of Worcester.

ALBERT A. GORDON—A director and the superintendent of the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works, at Worcester, Massachusetts, Albert A. Gordon had been associated with this enterprise and its predecessors during practically all his business career. He has also been very active in Masonic circles at Worcester.

Albert A. Gordon was born at Worcester on February 16, 1865, a son of Albert A., born in Farmington, Maine, and Ann Eliza (Bridges) Gordon, a native of Worcester, Massachusetts. His father, who was associated with George Crompton before the formation of the Crompton and Knowles Company, died in 1917. His wife survived him six years, passing away in 1923.

Mr. Gordon was educated in the public schools of Worcester and at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in 1886 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He became connected with George Crompton, a manufacturer of textile machinery here and continued his association after the consoliation which resulted in the formation of the Crompton and Knowles Company. Mr. Gordon rose through various positions to his present office as superintendent, which he has successfully occupied since January 1, 1912. He attained that position through the merit of his services, not only by his ability in handling the problems of management but also in the large number of improvements in the machinery which have resulted in valuable letters patents being obtained. In his many years of service with the Crompton and Knowles Company he has won the respect and regard of his associates and of all who work under his supervision.

Mr. Gordon is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of all higher bodies in this order, both York and Scottish Rite, including the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and the Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is Past Eminent Commander of his Commandery and is thoroughly in sympathy with Masonic ideals and principles which he has always sought to advance. Mr. Gordon is also a member of the Economic Club, the Worcester Country Club, Sons of American Revolution, the Foreign Policy Association, and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. In religious faith he is a member of Union Congregational Church at Worcester, serving on the board of trustees for many years and he has filled many church offices in Worcester.

In 1895, Albert A. Gordon married (first) Carrie M. Sweetser, now deceased. He married (second), in 1927, Alice (Varney) Ward. Three children

were born of the first marriage: 1. Catherine S., a graduate of Wellesley College. 2. Albert A., 3d, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 3. Frances, a graduate of the National Park Seminary in Washington, District of Columbia.

DR. WILLIAM BILLINGS ASPINWALL—President of the State Teachers' College at Worcester, Massachusetts, William Billings Aspinwall is an educator of long experience and distinguished record. He has been administrative head of the Worcester institution for twenty years and is a well-known figure in educational circles of New England.

Dr. Aspinwall was born at Loudonville, New York, on November 13, 1874, a son of William F. and Sarah M. (Sterry) Aspinwall. His father was born at Hastings, New York, on December 25, 1843, and for more than half a century was a resident of Loudonville in that State. Sarah M. (Sterry) Aspinwall, his wife, was born at Canaan, New York, May 25, 1849, and died in Loudonville, August 30, 1906. The Aspinwall family was established in America by William Aspinwall, who landed in Massachusetts Bay, according to old records, on June 17, 1630. In 1645, Peter Aspinwall, from whom Dr. Aspinwall is directly descended, was a resident of what is now Brookline, Massachusetts. It was for him that the present Aspinwall Avenue and Aspinwall Hill at Brookline were named. Dr. Aspinwall is also descended from Francis Lewis, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Dr. David Budd, who in the Revolution was surgeon on the staff of Colonel Goose Van Schaick, 1st Regiment New York Volunteers, Continental Line.

Dr. William Billings Aspinwall was educated at Albany Academy, Albany, New York, from which he was graduated in 1892, Harvard College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1896, and the New York State College for Teachers, where he took the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Pedagogy in 1900 and 1901 respectively. In 1904 he took the further degree of Docteur de l'Université at the University of Paris, France. Dr. Aspinwall speaks French fluently, is well acquainted with its literature and culture and has traveled extensively, not only in France, but in other parts of Europe and the Near East, including Great Britain, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Palestine and Egypt.

After his graduation from Harvard, Dr. Aspinwall was connected for a year with a text book publishing house of Boston. He then taught for several years in the schools of Kentucky and Alabama, serving as assistant principal of Union Female College, Eufaula, Alabama, in 1898-99, and from 1900 to 1906 was assistant principal and principal of the New York State Normal High School at Albany, New York. For six years following, he was dean and professor of education at the State College for Teachers, Albany. In 1912, however, he came to Worcester State Normal School at Worcester, Massachusetts (changed to Teachers' College in 1932), and since that time has served as president of this institution. His services have been of notable value in the building up of the college and have brought him a distinguished reputation in educational circles of the State. Dr. Aspinwall also taught in 1915 and 1916 in the summer school of the University of Vermont. He organized the annual conference on Rural Education held under the auspices of the State Normal School. He is a trustee of Leicester Academy and was at one time a member of the committee on relations with secondary schools of the New England Federation of Harvard Clubs. He is also a member of the National Education Association, the Massachusetts State Teachers College Association, of which he was president in 1926, the Massachusetts State Teachers Association, the Massachusetts Schoolmasters' Club, of which he was president in 1924, the Worcester County Superintendents' Club, the Massachusetts State Superintendents' Club, the New England Superintendents' Association and the Worcester Public Education Association. He is a member of the executive committee of the latter organization.

Apart from his professional connections, Dr. Aspinwall is a member of the Harvard Club, the Economic Club, of which he was president in 1928, the Shakespeare Club, of which he was president from 1929 to 1930, the Bohemian Culb and the Rotary Club, all of Worcester. He was president of the Rotary Club in 1926-27, and is trustee of its educational fund. Dr. Aspinwall is affiliated with the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, is an independent in politics, and in religious faith is a member of the Congregational Church. He has been very active in church work, serving as deacon of Union Congregational Church at Worcester, as moderator of the Massachusetts Congregational Conference in 1918 and as a delegate from the State Conference to the National Council of the Congregational Church from 1923 to 1927. From 1918 to 1926 he was president of the Worcester City Missionary Society. Dr. Aspinwall is the author of "Outlines of the History of Education," published in 1911 (MacMillan); was contributing editor of "The Practical Reference Library" (Chicago) six vols.; and editor of "Monographs in Pedagogy, Literature and Science," published by the New York State College for Teachers. He has also contributed numerous articles to educational journals.

On April 8, 1908, at Albany, New York, Dr. William Billings Aspinwall married Aurelia Hyde, who was born in Albany on March 21, 1875, daughter of Edwin N. and Abbie (Moseley) Hyde, the former a native of Poughkeepsie, New York, and the latter of Albany. Mrs. Aspinwall is the author of "Hyde's Primer," published in 1908 by the American Book Company. Dr. and Mrs. Aspinwall maintain their home in Worcester at No. 1 Normal Street.

JOHN T. BRADY—As general manager of the Waucantuck Mills, manufacturers of fine fancy worsted and worsted yarns at Uxbridge, Massachusetts, John T. Brady successfully directs the operations of this old established enterprise with which the family name has been connected for many years.

The Waucantuck Mill was founded in 1854 by C. A. and S. M. Wheelock. Later it was acquired and operated by the C. A. Root Company, and still later became the Waucantuck Mills, named for the Indian chief of bygone days whose burial place, just behind the mills, is marked by a mound. The company was incorporated in 1905. Present officers include: Edward J. Brady, president; William J. Brady, treasurer; and John T. Brady, gen-

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eral manager. The Brady family has been associated with this enterprise from the time it was taken over by the C. A. Root Company. All three of the present officers of this name were born in Uxbridge.

The active figure in the direction of the company is John T. Brady, who was born at Uxbridge, July 29, 1889, a son of Edward J. and Elia (Garrity) Brady, the latter of whom, like her husband, was a native of Massachusetts. Edward J. Brady was engaged for many years in the wholesale and retail meat business in Uxbridge. John T. Brady, the son, was educated in the public schools of Uxbridge, and subsequently attended the Philadelphia Textile School, from which he was graduated in 1910. He began his active career as an employee in the Waucantuck Mills, rising through various positions in different departments as he familiarized himself with every detail of the mills' operations. In 1924 he was appointed general manager of the company which is under his active supervision. The Waucantuck Mills normally employ some five hundred people. It has been running day and night shifts for the past ten years and its products, including fine worsted and woolen suitings, overcoatings and women's dress goods, find a ready market. Mr. Brady, as general manager and a director of the company, has directed its affairs with conspicuous efficiency and success.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Brady is a member of the Worcester Gun Club, the Whitinsville Golf Club and the Delta Kappa Phi Fraternity of Philadelphia. Although he has always given his best attention to his duties at the mills, he has been interested in local community affairs and is a man of recognized public spirit.

He married, on March 4, 1919, Sadie Fagan, of Uxbridge.

CHARLES OSGOOD DRAYTON—Engaged for many years in the leather belting industry, Charles Osgood Drayton is associated with the Graton and Knight Company, of the city of Worcester, being at the time of writing the general sales manager of the organization.

Mr. Drayton was born on August 13, 1891, at Westboro, Massachusetts, son of Walter H. G. and Marion (Grieves) Drayton. His father, who is connected with the Ludlow Associates, came from Manchester, New Hampshire; and his mother was a native of Scotland. In the public schools, Charles Osgood Drayton received his early education; and afterward he was a student at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received his technical training. He has been, since then, continuously connected with the Graton and Knight Company, referred to above, becoming associated with it in a minor capacity and gradually rising to his present position, that of general sales manager. In this office, he succeeded Mr. Barth in 1926; and in this and in his other positions with the company, his work has been of distinct value.

At the same time, he has taken part in civic, social and fraternal affairs. Mr. Drayton is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of Meridian Lodge, Natick, Massachusetts, and of the Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He also belongs to the Worcester Country Club and the Players' Club. His church is the Unitarian. His connections with the different groups in which he holds membership and in whose affairs he is active have been such as to give him a place of leadership in the life of his city and its people, among whom he has a host of friends in all walks of life. He is especially esteemed for his achievements in business and for his steady rise in his affiliation with the Graton and Knight Company.

Charles Osgood Drayton married, on May 19, 1917, Ethel Nickerson Carr, of Somerville, Massachusetts. The children of this marriage have been: 1. Charles Osgood, Jr., who was born on October 1, 1918. 2. Walter Carr, who was born on May 1, 1922.

G. WILLIAM KALAT—A native son of the city of Worcester and a man who has utilized his energies for the furtherance of progressive ideas, G. William Kalat is regarded by business leaders and economists as an authority on chain store development, a subject upon which he, by the way, has written a number of articles for magazines. The Community Store Company, of which he is president and treasurer and was the organizer, has at the time of writing ninety-eight stores, and covers all of Worcester County.

Mr. Kalat, who has headed this business from the first, was born on October 2, 1883, in Worcester, Massachusetts, son of Gustave and Antonia (Winter) Kalat. His father, who came from Bohemia, Austria, was for many years engaged in the meat business in the United States; he died in 1899. And the mother, a native of Vienna, Austria, died in 1910.

In the public schools, G. William Kalat, whose name heads this review, received his early education; and, determining upon a business career, he associated himself with the Sherer Company, with which he continued for seventeen years. For a part of that time, he was in charge of the meat and grocery branch of the Sherer house. It was in 1917 that Mr. Kalat became engaged in business on his own account, organizing the Community Stores Company, referred to above, and becoming their president and treasurer. He has held this dual office from the very inception of the company, and from small beginnings has built the business up to one of sizeable character and great scope. The first store was situated at No. 30 Woodland Street, whence the organization expanded with the passing years, until it came to own and control ninety-eight stores and employ three hundred people. A few years ago, Mr. Kalat absorbed the Economy Stores, in Worcester County, maintaining many of the employees of that company as managers in his chain. The Community Stores are the only chain having headquarters in Worcester. The original warehouse of the company was at No. 570 Southbridge Street; but later it was removed to its present site in Mulberry Street, where Mr. Kalat has 57,000 square feet of floor space. He also has a private railroad siding, with a capacity of six cars, which greatly facilitates the operation of his business.

His work with the chain store business has been the chief, but not the only, association that Mr. Kalat has had with the commercial world. For he is also a director of the Independent Bank. Active in other phases of Worcester life, he is also a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with the Morning Star

Lodge, the Commandery of Knights Templar, and Aleppo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Other groups with which he is connected are the Worcester Country Club, treasurer, the local chapter of the Rotary Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. In the Chamber, he is a member of different committees, and has done much for the promotion of prosperity and well-being in his city. At one time Mr. Kalat saw military service as a member of the City Guards in Worcester; and, as a matter of fact, there is almost no branch of local affairs in which he is not interested or has not actively taken part. He has been a member of Worcester Young Men's Christian Association for twenty-five years. His church is the Congregational. Each of these groups with which he has affiliated himself has, in some very definite way, benefited from his labors in its behalf; but Mr. Kalat's activities in Worcester have been of especial value to the community in still another way, having been so broad as to give him a better than ordinary picture of the business world and render him helpful as an advisor to those beginning new enterprises.

G. William Kalat married, in 1910, Alma H. Nielsen, of Rutland, Vermont. By this marriage, the children have been: 1. Marie, who was born on October 31, 1911, and has, at the time of writing, completed three years of work at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. 2. Norman W., born June 29, 1913, who is a student at Norwich University. 3. Paul F., born August 17, 1916, a high school student. 4. George Robb, born August 9, 1924.

RICHARD D. OLMSTEAD—Throughout all his business career, Richard D. Olmstead has been connected with one of the novel industries of Worcester and has taken his place among the industrial leaders of the city by his rehabilitation of a company of ancient origin and interesting history. He was born at Danbury, Connecticut, September 19, 1890, son of George E. and Adrienne (Haley) Olmstead, the former of whom was a well-known Connecticut manufacturer.

Educated in the local schools, the young Richard D. left school to become associated with his father and uncle in the manufacture of corsets. Being a member of the family was of no aid to his rise in the management of the Olmstead Company, for his father believed that the only way to learn a business was to begin at the bottom and become familiar with every process and method which went into the production of the article manufactured. Mr. Olmstead had that sort of an experience and was ably fitted not only to manage the company which had been founded by his family, but to assume the duties of general manager of the Royal Worcester Corset Company and to become its president in 1930.

The story of this latter concern goes back to 1861, when David Hale Fanning began to make hoop skirts with the aid of two girls. One small room was sufficient for this "factory," and it was not long before the changes in styles made even this small room more than sufficient, and the two girl employees were too many to keep busy. Just then Mr. Fanning conceived a new idea in the making of corsets and set about working out methods by which these could be made. He perfected his ideas, made a few samples, and went out to find a market for his product. He met with surprising success from the start, and the Fanning Company had difficulty in supplying the demand. Larger quarters and increased equipment and employees were required. In 1898 a large tract of land was purchased in Wyman Street and a building erected which was intended to take care of the growth of the concern for decades. It was only a few years before more buildings were required, and from time to time thereafter the plant had to be enlarged. At the present time there are about 175,000 square feet in the plant, and the average number of hands employed ranges around 1,700. Its products are known and used all over the world. The business was incorporated in 1901 as the Royal Worcester Corset Company, with Mr. Fanning, president; W. F. Brooks, treasurer; and Charles B. Maigoras, E. P. Bennett and Eugene Fanning serving as other executives. Mr. Fanning died in 1926, and George E. Duffy succeeded him as president. Subsequently, A. H. Gray was elected to this position, and in 1930 Richard D. Olmstead was made the president. The company is the oldest and largest of its kind in New England. Its career has not always run smoothly, for fashions will change and women's desires with them. It was in a crisis brought about by such changes that Mr. Olmstead came into the picture and was the inspiration and the constructive force behind the introduction of new things and the revival of business in a period when there seemed to be no business for any manufacturing concern.

Mr. Olmstead is an acknowledged success in the industrial field. His devotion to business has somewhat obscured his abilities and interests unrelated to manufacturing. In his own quiet fashion he has been a genuinely important factor in the progress of Worcester and the welfare of its people. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a popular figure in the several trade organizations, local, State and national of which he is a member. He seeks his recreation chiefly as a member of the Hillcrest Country Club; the Quinsigamond Boat Club, and the Worcester Players Club. With his family he attends the Episcopal Church.

In the year 1913, at Danbury, Connecticut, Richard D. Olmstead was married to Marguerite Murray, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Richard D., Jr., born August 4, 1914. 2. Jean Murray, born June 16, 1918. 3. Jasper L., born January 21, 1920. 4. Jane Pryce, born March 12, 1925.

LOUIS E. SMITH—Born in Connecticut, July 24, 1863, Louis E. Smith is the son of James F. and Caroline (Hazard) Smith; the former, a native of Waterbury, Connecticut, died in 1874, and the latter, also a native of Connecticut, died in 1891. The son, Louis E., is a product of the public schools of his former home community. In his youth he set himself to the task of learning the printer's trade, and he made it a point to do superior work and always had the artistic sense to urge him onward to do so.

It was his ambition to set up in business for himself, and this desire was gratified appreciably when he established the Beacon Press in Bridgeport, Connecticut. From a small beginning he built up the business to a degree where he was convinced it would move forward to still better things, and then he transferred his plant and inter-

ests to Providence, Rhode Island. In the latter city he carried on for some years, meanwhile adding to his good name for doing fine art printing. In 1931 he moved the business and equipment to Worcester, and the same year brought into association with him, under a charter of incorporation, Arthur Taylor Chase (q. v.), who was made treasurer and general manager, and Allen Adams, who was installed as secretary. Mr. Smith retained the office of president. Under this reorganization the business has increased remarkably, and its good-will is now drawn from practically all sections of New England, which the company holds as its field of operations. High class printing and art advertising are the principal lines to which the Beacon Press gives its close attention. The company's plant at No. 25 Foster Street, Worcester, is a model of its kind, being completely equipped to do the work for which it has acquired an enviable reputation. Mr. Smith is naturally proud of the fact that he has reared the Beacon Press from infancy to the strong, vigorous industrial unit that it now is.

Mr. Smith has large interests in New Haven (Connecticut) real estate. In Freemasonry he is affiliated with the "Blue" Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters, and the Knights Templar. He is a member of the Union League Club of New Haven.

Mr. Smith married Claribelle E. Wood, and they are the parents of Raymond E. Smith, a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University.

CHARLES ARTHUR HARRINGTON—Charles A. Harrington is president of the Massachusetts Protective Association, of Worcester, and of its allied companies, the Massachusetts Protective Life Assurance Company and the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company.

The branch of the Harrington family to which Mr. Harrington belongs traces descent from Robert Harrington, born in England, settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1634, through his son, Edward, who married Mary Ockington; their son, Francis, who removed to Grafton, then, in 1741, purchased a farm in Worcester, and married (first) Prudence Stearns; their son, Nathaniel, who spent his youth on the homestead farm, was a soldier in the Revolution (first lieutenant in Captain Joshua Whitney's Company, 5th Worcester County Regiment), and married Ruth Stone; their son, Francis, born in Worcester, May 15, 1777, died their October 17, 1841, inherited half of the homestead, farmed there all his active life, and married Lydia Perry; their son, Captain Daniel Harrington, who inherited his father's farm and built a new house there in 1852. He was a member of Old South Church and later one of the founders of Union Congregational Church. He was captain of a militia company, highway surveyor, member of the school committee, member of the common council, 1849-50, and of the board of aldermen in 1851. He married, March 27, 1828, Clarissa Gray, daughter of Nathaniel and Patty (Dickerman) Gray, of Worcester, and granddaughter of John Dickerman who took part in the Boston Tea Party, and they had nine children, of whom the seventh was Francis Alfred, father of Charles Arthur Harrington.

Hon. Francis Alfred Harrington, mayor of Worcester for three terms and member of the Massachusetts Senate for three years, was born in Worcester, November 17, 1846, and died August 9, 1922, son of Captain Daniel and Clarissa (Gray) Harrington. After attending the public schools of Worcester, Worcester Academy, and B. G. Howe's Business College, he assisted his father on the homestead farm until he was twenty-one. He then, in 1869, associated himself with his older brother, Charles A., who had just founded the Bay State Livery Stable, and in 1871 was admitted to partnership under the firm name of Harrington Brothers. That connection he continued for nearly twenty-five years, continuing in the meantime to cultivate the old homestead farm. The livery business prospered, was removed to new quarters on Central Street and a carriage shop added in 1876, and in May, 1882, the senior partner, Charles A., retired, a younger brother, Daniel A., taking his place. Both brothers understood the business thoroughly and were increasingly successful, but Francis Alfred Harrington, in addition to his interest in the livery business and the management of the homestead farm, was also actively engaged in public affairs, and by 1895 his public duties and his interest in other business affairs had increased so greatly that they demanded his entire time. He, therefore, in October of that year, sold his interests in the livery firm and withdrew.

Chief among the interests demanding his attention at that time were two insurance organizations which he, with the late Frank M. Heath and others, founded: The Ridgely Protective Association, in 1894, admitting only members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Masonic Protective Association, the membership of which was restricted to Free Masons. Both organizations grew rapidly, Mr. Harrington serving as president and Mr. Heath as treasurer from the beginning. Only one clerk was employed at first, and for many years the home offices were in the Knowles Building, on Main Street, corner of High Street. In 1915 both concerns moved to the Worcester Trust Company Building on Franklin Street, where each occupied a floor. They continued to grow and in 1918 the name of the Masonic Protective Association was changed to its present title, The Massachusetts Protective Association, which does business all over the United States. By 1919 seventy clerks and stenographers were required to handle the business, and in 1922 the Massachusetts Protective Association erected, solely for its own use, at No. 18 Chestnut Street, one of the finest buildings of its kind in Worcester. Mr. Harrington continued as president to the time of his death, in August, 1922, when he was succeeded by his son, Charles Arthur Harrington (q. v.).

Meantime, from early manhood, Francis Alfred Harrington had been actively engaged in public life. In 1887 he was elected alderman on the Republican ticket, was unanimously reëlected the next year, and in 1889 served as president of that board. In December, 1889, he was elected mayor of Worcester and he was reëlected in 1890 and 1891. During the three years of his service as mayor, the sewage disposal system was put into operation (1890); fire engine houses were erected, the office of superintendent of street lights was created, and a new public library was erected at a cost of $108,000, in 1891; and the Holden Dam, the English High School (now the Classical) and new school buildings on Millbury and Canterbury

streets were erected in 1892; and all this was accomplished with a tax rate lower than it had been for many years, due to the efficient, honest, and tactful management of the mayor. Curtis Chapel, too, was dedicated during his term of office. The three years of Mr. Harrington's service were notable ones in the history of Worcester, and the people of his district recognized his able and honest service by sending him to the Massachusetts Senate for three years, 1889, 1900, and 1901. There, as in Worcester, Mr. Harrington exercised rare tact, judgment, and fairness, serving in the difficult positions of chairman of the committee on liquor laws for three years, as chairman of the committee on manufactures, and presiding over the committees on mercantile affairs and manufactures, sitting jointly to formulate legislation to secure consolidation of the public lighting companies of Boston. For six years he was a director of the Free Public Library of Worcester and for twelve years a trustee of Hope Cemetery Corporation, which latter he served as president.

In addition to all the above-mentioned activities, Mr. Harrington became one of the most distinguished and honored men of the Masonic Fraternity of the State. He was past master of Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; member of Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; past commander of Worcester Commandery, Knights Templar, which he served as treasurer for many years; member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and a past patron of Stella Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. He was a trustee of Aletheia Grotto and for many years a trustee of the Masonic Fraternity of Worcester, a member of the finance committee of the Worcester Masonic and Educational Association which raised the funds to erect the beautiful Masonic Temple of Worcester, and a trustee of that property. He was a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, I. O. O. F., and was a past master of Worcester Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; and served as treasurer of the Massachusetts State Grange for more than thirty years. He was also a trustee of the Worcester County Agricultural Society. For eight years he served in the Worcester City Guards, of the State Militia, ranking for two years as first lieutenant, and was one of the first honorary members elected to George H. Ward Post, No. 10, Grand Army of the Republic. He was a trustee of the Worcester County Horticultural Society; Worcester County Mechanics' Association; Worcester Chamber of Commerce; Worcester Country Club; and the Massachusetts Republican Club.

Hon. Francis Alfred Harrington married (first), November 16, 1871, Roxanna M. Grout, who was born in Spencer, Worcester County, daughter of Elias and Eliza (Draper) Grout. She was a past matron of Stella Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and past grand matron of the State. She died December 24, 1900, and he married (second), May 29, 1902, Lillia (Dudley) Leighton, daughter of Joseph Smith and Sarah Ann (Lamson) Dudley, of Augusta, Maine; her only daughter, Leora, married Mr. Harrington's second son, Frank Chester. To the first marriage three children were born: 1. Charles Arthur, of further mention. 2. Frank Chester, born February 6, 1876, married, June 17, 1900, Leora Leighton, daughter of Frank and Lillia (Dudley) Leighton, and has four children. 3. May Emily, born May 6, 1878, married James P. Gray.

Charles Arthur Harrington, oldest son of Francis Alfred and Roxanna M. (Grout) Harrington, was born in Worcester, January 26, 1874. After graduation from Worcester High School in 1891, he entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was prominent in athletics, playing football, winning honors in the quarter-mile run, and serving as president of the Tech Athletic Association. He was graduated in 1895, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science, and then taught in the evening schools of Worcester for two years and in Worcester High School for five years. In 1902 he became associated with his father and brother in the management of the Masonic and Ridgely Protective Associations and later was made secretary of the Masonic Protective Association, which, in 1918, became the Massachusetts Protective Association. Upon the death of his father, in 1922, he succeeded to the office of president, which position he is still ably filling, with William C. Johnson as vice-president, L. G. Hodgkins as secretary, and Frank C. Harrington as treasurer. In politics Mr. Harrington is a staunch Republican and is active in local public affairs. From 1908 to 1914 he was a member of the common council, serving on the committees on finance, streets, and sewers and in 1912-13 as president of the council. For three years he served on the board of overseers of the poor. Mr. Harrington is a well-known member of the Masonic Fraternity. He is a past master of Athelstan Lodge and a past commander of Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. He was one of the organizers of Aletheia Grotto, the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. Of this he has been Monarch. In the Scottish Rite bodies he is a member of Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix; past sovereign prince of Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; and a member of Massachusetts Consistory, and has been honored with the thirty-third degree. He is also a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, No. 45, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Worcester Grange, of which he is a past master; and Sigma Alpha Epsilon (college) Fraternity. He is well known in club circles, being a member of Worcester Club; Worcester Country Club; Vesper Country Club, of Lowell; Shelter Harbor Country Club, of Westerly, Rhode Island; Worcester County Mechanics' Association; Worcester County Musical Association; Worcester Polytechnic Alumni Association; Worcester Chamber of Comerce; Worcester Division, American Automobile Association; Worcester County Republican Club, and the Committee of One Hundred, of Miami Beach, Florida, where he makes his winter home. His religious connection is with Piedmont Congregational Church.

Charles Arthur Harrington married, June 27, 1900, Luella Blanche Crook, born February 25, 1872, daughter of David and Frances E. (Cushing) Crook, of Columbus, Ohio. They have three children: 1. Ruth Anna, born July 23, 1901, married Warren A. Ellsworth, who is engaged in the insurance business, and they have two children: Warren A., Jr., and David H. Ellsworth. 2. Mildred E., born March 4, 1903. 3. Francis Alfred 2d, born August 28, 1909, a student at Dartmouth College.

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J. WARREN SHEPPARD—As the founder and the president of the Sheppard Envelope Company, of Worcester, the largest independent manufacturing corporation of its kind in Massachusetts, J. Warren Sheppard holds high rank in the industrial circles of the city. He is well informed and his judgments carry weight with commercial leaders.

Mr. Sheppard was born in Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, July 13, 1880, and is a son of James E. and Margaret J. (Cross) Sheppard. His education was received in the public and high schools of his birthplace, and his first business experience was as an apprentice to the printer's trade, he entering the employ of Lucius P. Goddard, of Worcester, at the age of thirteen. After four years with him, Mr. Sheppard became identified with the Sherman Envelope Company, and shortly was placed in charge of the printing department, later promoted to the head of the manufacturing department. Meanwhile he acquired an interest in the business, but when that business was sold to the United Drug Company Mr. Sheppard organized the company of which he is now the head. The incorporation of the present concern took place on January 10, 1921, and the officers are: J. Warren Sheppard, president; Eugene A. Cahill, vice-president; W. H. Sheppard, treasurer; M. Myra Glazier, assistant treasurer; James E. Sheppard, Harold E. Brewer, Herbert L. Dakin, and Linwood M. Erskine, directors. Within two years the corporation was capable of turning out 1,200,000 envelopes—lithographed, printed and plain—per day. The number of envelope machines has been increased to twelve times the original number. In 1932 the company had an increased capacity, and occupied 33,000 feet of floor space. The capitalization had almost doubled; on the average a hundred hands were employed.

Mr. Sheppard is affiliated with the Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all bodies of Masonry up to and including the 32d degree, Scottish Rite, and also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of several of the business and other organizations of Worcester.

J. Warren Sheppard married Florence E. Vaughn, daughter of Henry and Cora (Dakin) Vaughn, of Worcester.

MARCUS WILBUR WHITE—In the responsible position of purchasing agent of the Norton Company, Marcus W. White has been installed since July 1, 1919. He is an important factor in the operation of this great concern, handling his department in a thoroughly capable manner. Born in Williamstown, Massachusetts, October 15, 1877, Mr. White is the son of Harrison and Sarah (Snyder) White, the former, a native of that town, died in 1928, aged eighty-three, and the latter, born in Troy, New York, died in 1887. His father was a builder and a veteran of the Civil War, having fought in the 49th Massachusetts Infantry. His mother's father was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, and an uncle in the battle of the Wilderness.

From the public schools of his native town the son, Marcus W., entered Williams College, where he was graduated Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1899. He started on his business career as cost accountant for the James Hunter Machine Company at North Adams in 1900. In June, 1907, he came to Worcester to join the staff of the Norton Company, having accepted the position of storekeeper. He succeeded Henry Duckworth as purchasing agent in July, 1919, and has remained in this position until the present time.

During his occupancy of the place of head storekeeper of the Norton Company the World War was fought, and Mr. White labored many hours daily, buying supplies and making a circuit of several of the company's branch plants. He is one of the most enthusiastic stamp collectors, owning one of the most valuable collections of its kind in New England. Several articles on the subject of philately have been written by him and have appeared in publications to the edification of his fellow-collectors. He is a member of several philatelic societies, and president of the Worcester Philatelic Society. During his college days Mr. White became noted for his herbarium of native orchids, having reported several varieties for the first time from his native State of Massachusetts. In the summer of 1899 he found and named a new variety, which has been placed in Gray's Botany. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite member of Freemasonry and affiliated also with Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and Worcester Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a member of All Souls Universalist Church.

Mr. White married (first), in 1903, Caroline Millard. She died in 1919, and he married (second), in 1922, Amie Nyberg. His children, all of the first marriage, are: 1. Ruth M., a graduate of Worcester State Normal School and Columbia University, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. 2. Robert H., a graduate of the Connecticut State Agricultural College, Bachelor of Science. 3. Harriet R., a graduate of Becker's Business College. The White family have lived at No. 15 Sherburne Avenue, Worcester, for more than a quarter of a century.

JOHN WOODMAN HIGGINS—As president and treasurer of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company, John Woodman Higgins heads an organization which is not only numbered among the leading industries of Worcester, but which must be considered on its record one of the most enterprising steel corporations in the country. Mr. Higgins is a rarity among corporation leaders—a conspicuously successful executive who has moulded a well-considered philosophy, taking into account both the traditions of the past and the probabilities of the future, and applied it to his business life. He is well aware of the esthetic possibilities of the material with which he works and is convinced that the continuance of the New England steel industry depends upon its adoption of the principles of functional art, a recovery of the spirit of the ancient craftsman applied to the conditions of our age.

In visiting the plant of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company, interest immediately centers on the five-story building whose lower floors house the executive offices of the company and whose upper stories contain the famous industrial art museum—The John Woodman Higgins Armory. The building itself is unique in type, the first building of its size and purpose to be constructed without other material than steel and glass for the exterior. Mr.

Higgins had long considered the possibility of such a structure. He had demonstrated the intrinsic value of the design in several factory buildings of the plant and when these proved ideal for their purpose, he obtained, in 1929, the services of an architect capable of embodying his idea in a larger structure. Today it stands as a monument to Mr. Higgins' vision and enterprise. "The unusually large, deeply fluted rolled steel columns, with abnormally large rivet heads, and the steel sash running from ground to roof, all give emphasis to the controlling architectural motif—steel. The various methods of working and joining metals by rolling, casting, stamping, punching and forging are exemplified in the frieze of steel plates with patterns in perforated metal, the cornice castings and the wrought iron scrolls." The remainder of the building's exterior is of glass, the perfect complementary material for the purpose intended. No brick, stone, concrete or any other finishing material, save a protective coating of aluminum bronze paint, covers its outer walls. The whole edifice presents, as Mr. Higgins has said, an appropriate challenge to the steel age.

An even greater challenge is presented by the John Woodman Higgins Armory, which the building contains, to the makers of steel, the fundamental industry of our modern machine age. Mr. Higgins has written of the purposes which led him to establish the armory and of the conditions peculiar to New England which make his plans of such vital importance to this section as a whole. The following paragraphs may be quoted:

> Our great-grandfathers produced pig iron in New England at one cent a pound and supplied the country. Our grandfathers bought better pig iron in Pittsburgh at lower cost and bent their ingenuity and energy toward converting this into castings, which sold at three cents a pound. Our fathers held their own by advancing to the next step, that of manufacturing machinery and finished products, which sold at ten cents a pound. Inventive genius, skill and science have been appiled in successive steps. We have advanced to alloyed pressed steel, watch springs and jewelry at fifty cents a pound, but we have no monopoly on skill, and our children can only hope to keep going by turning out, through mass production, commodities which combine such artistic qualities of design that they will command a price of a dollar a pound. Heavier and coarser products will be produced near to the centers of demand, where the time and cost of transportation have minimum effect.
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> Anticipating this evolution, we have established in Worcester, Massachusetts, at the plant of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company, a specialized industrial museum for the comparison of our current pressed steel products with medieval steel products which have withstood the test of time. . .
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> Just as the lawyer accumulates documents in his library and the surgeon collects specimens in his laboratory, so every manufacturer, whether of buttons or of dirigibles, should assemble his museum of exhibits representative of his special trade, expressing the service and recording the history of his chosen line. Here he finds himself in that friendly atmosphere where constructive ideas germinate. His reference files expand into a library and his specimen case into a research laboratory. No business can exist long without research nowadays. . . .
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> The John Woodman Higgins Armory is a library, research laboratory, clinic and collection of sheet steel products, from all places and all times, established with five purposes in view—to interest and inspire our present steel workers, to restore the zeal of craftsmanship to the machine operator, to exalt and to extol the steel trades and products, to attract superior recruits for the future, and to inform the public in their choices.

This institution, independently endowed and directed, was opened free to the public in 1929. It comprises two wings, each a Gothic nave ninety feet long, joined by a lofty octagonal vestibule. In the east wing are exhibited masterpieces and typical products representing the evolution of sheet steel craftsmanship from the earliest days through the Gothic, Maximilian and Renaissance periods, with over 2,000 examples collected by Mr. Higgins from all parts of the world during a period of a quarter of a century. The incidental decorations are of great interest and in perfect keeping with the purpose of the museum. While some of the exhibits themselves date back to the stone, bronze and iron ages, the main floor is devoted to the steel age and the dominant feature of this historical display is the collection of armor and weapons. These illustrate the skill of the master armorers through the periods of the Crusades, the Conquests, and the days of knighthood and chivalry and heraldry, up to the eighteenth century when the perfection of firearms depressed the trade of the armorer. Many specimens are of great beauty—the beauty of perfect utility and superb craftsmanship— and in their own period are worthy to stand beside the finest achievements of the other arts.

The west wing of the gallery is representative of the change from the hand-craftsman's shop to the modern mill where production is gauged by the almost unlimited speed and power of physical and chemical forces rather than by muscular strength. The nave of this hall is flanked with cases of products of modern pressed steel mills, showing the evolution and various uses of this process, which was first developed half a century ago in Worcester by the predecessors of the present Worcester Pressed Steel Company. At the end of this hall is the dominant masterpiece of modern manufacturing methods—the chassis of one of the finest automobiles made in this country, ninety per cent. pressed steel and the last word in precision, efficiency, strength, safety and finish. "Thus we have visualized, from the earliest days up through the ages the history of sheet steel—steel, 'the metal par excellence,' as Mr. Higgins terms it. On the one hand, as you stand in the center of the museum hall, is the old and medieval world of the individual craftsman; on the other, the modern world of mass production, the so-called 'machine age.'"

For all their perfection, the products of our industrial age are not recognized as expressions of fine art as are earlier examples. Something is lacking, and the solution of this problem Mr. Higgins regards as vital to the future of the New England steel industry.

"My ideal," he has said, "is to induce connoisseurs and artists to study all commercial steel products, show us wherein these now fall short, and then help us to improve them. Art and industry both sprang from the same taproot. In material and workmanship we are far ahead of the old masters, but we haven't caught their mantle of art. Why shouldn't our automobiles, airplanes and electric refrigerators class among the masterpieces?

"We need vision and imagination to meet changed conditions. The mechanical engineer needs the help of the artist to perfect his product in beauty, form, color and texture."

Mr. Higgins' pioneer effort to secure more art in industry is typical of the breadth of vision which he has brought to bear upon the problems of his concern during more than a quarter of a century. This organization stands today as a fitting monu-

ment to his creative energy and tireless efforts, but its history and that of its predecessors presents undoubted evidence of the continued initiative of its owners, and in his work Mr. Higgins is following the fine tradition so long associated with its name. The Worcester Pressed Steel Company, in its present corporate form, succeeded the Worcester Ferrule and Manufacturing Company, which was organized in 1882 and had its beginnings as early as 1868 in a partnership established by two Worcester mechanics and an inventor. The Worcester Ferrule and Manufacturing Company was the first to develop the manufacture of bicycle frame fittings in pressed steel and so completely revolutionized the cost of production at a period when the bicycle was in the heyday of its glory.

With the incorporation of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company in 1904, the concern immediately expanded and moved to a thirty-acre location, adjacent to the Boston and Maine Railroad tracks near Barbers Crossing, where a modern plant was erected and equipped with the latest special machinery. This plant has always been maintained on the highest level of efficiency and new machinery and equipment were installed as quickly as they were invented and perfected. The Worcester Pressed Steel Company is always abreast and frequently ahead of the times in its field and has operated with never a shut-down, a fire, a strike or a failure since its organization. In the twenty-nine years of its existence, it has developed into a million dollar corporation, retaining without change the cardinal principle upon which its success was built—the direct service of other manufacturing lines. It supplies the textile and electrical trades, the farm and dairy, and the motorcycle, automobile, oil burning, airplanes, radio and other metal industries. Under normal conditions it employs five hundred persons and its products find a ready market not only in all parts of the United States and Canada, but also in many foreign countries.

It is in many ways fitting that this important Worcester industry should have as its present executive head a native of Worcester and a member of a distinguished New England family. John Woodman Higgins was born in this city on September 1, 1874, a son of Milton Prince and Elizabeth (Chapin) Higgins and a direct descendant of Richard Higgins, who came from England to Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1632. Mr. Higgins' father, who was born in Maine in 1842 and died at Worcester in 1912, was an engineer, manufacturer and industrial educator. He had the distinction of having been the first person to be called to a professorship in Worcester Polytechnic Institute and served as head of its mechanical department for twenty-eight years. He was known as the father of the trade school movement in America.

John Woodman Higgins received his early education in private and public schools of Worcester and of Atlanta, Georgia. Subsequently he matriculated at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he specialized in electrical engineering and from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1896. He was prominent in athletics and other activities of the institute and was a member of the local chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Mr. Higgins began his active career as engineer of the new plant of the Plunger Elevator Company, of which his father was president. He designed and installed the electric lighting plant of the company and served as its superintendent and secretary until 1904, when it was merged with the Otis Elevator Company. At that time he purchased the Worcester Ferrule and Manufacturing Company and became its secretary and treasurer. In the same year, in association with his father and several local industrialists, he founded the Worcester Pressed Steel Company, successor of the Worcester Ferrule and Manufacturing Company. Mr. Higgins became its first manager. Subsequently, he was elected treasurer and upon the death of his father in 1912 succeeded to the presidency. While he has always given the major share of his energy and interest to the Worcester Pressed Steel Company, he has many other connections, both with important manufacturing and commercial concerns and with organizations of other types. The range and breadth of his interests may be indicated by merely listing the various societies, clubs and enterprises in which he is active. These include: The American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; American Society of Mechanical Engineers; American Iron and Steel Institute; National Metal Trades Association, of which he was formerly vice-president and councilor; Associated Industries of Massachusetts, of which he was vice-president and director; Metropolitan Art Museum of New York; Business Historical Society of Boston; New England Historical and Genealogical Society; Society of Mayflower Descendants; Sons of the American Revolution; Worcester Young Men's Christian Association, of which he served as president; Worcester Club; University Club; Tatnuck Country Club; Engineers Club of New York; and Appalachian Mountain Club.

Mr. Higgins has always been particularly interested in such movements as the Young Men's Christian Association, recognizing their value in the building of manhood and citizenship. In addition to serving as president and secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, he was a member of its board of directors for thirty-five years and was chairman of the committee which raised a large building fund some years ago. He donated the swimming pool in the new building. Mr. Higgins has been a member of Piedmont Congregational Church at Worcester for many years and served on its standing committee and as chairman of its finance committee. His principal hobby is the collection of ancient armor and steel products, now housed in The John Woodman Higgins Armory, while his favorite recreations are golf, horseback riding and travel.

On January 17, 1906, John Woodman Higgins married Clara Louise Carter, daughter of Thomas Whitman and Mary Elizabeth Carter, of St. Louis, Missouri. They are the parents of three children, all born in Worcester: 1. Carter Chapin, born October 15, 1914. 2. Bradley Carter, born November 20, 1916. 3. Mary Louise, born May 15, 1919. The family residence in Worcester is situated at No. 80 William Street.

Mr. Higgins has been an important and familiar figure in Worcester life for many years. He is admired not alone as a leading industrialist but as a public-spirited citizen and as a kindly, helpful friend and neighbor.

LESLIE BOWEN GOFF—Those in New England, who are interested in the Morris Plan Bank and in industrial banking, are familiar with the name of Leslie Bowen Goff, of Worcester, both from his activities and his occasional writings published upon these subjects. He is a native of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, born April 26, 1900, son of Frank A. and Hannie M. (Patten) Goff, the former of Massachusetts birth, the latter a native of Rhode Island.

Leslie Bowen Goff, after preliminary instruction in the public schools and Taunton High School, matriculated at Brown University. Leaving Brown in his junior year he studied in the Pace and Pace School and became connected with banking as an occupation. His first position in this line was as the bookkeeper of the Westminster Bank, of Providence, Rhode Island. He resigned to go with the Morris Plan Bank at Providence as clerk. Later he became the credit manager and in 1928 he removed to Worcester to serve as assistant manager of the Morris Plan Bank there. He has had experience in all phases of Morris Plan banking and has held almost every position possible. Since 1931 Mr. Goff has been the treasurer of the Worcester organization.

In the few years of his residence in Worcester Mr. Goff has quietly taken an active interest in the life and affairs of the city. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the local Chamber of Commerce and is a popular figure in the Worcester County Sons of Brown Society. His college fraternity is Delta Tau Delta. He is also a member of the Naval Reserve Corps of Brown University. His church is the Congregational Church of Worcester.

CHARLES ELLSWORTH CATHER—Among the men who are well acquainted with the growth of the envelope manufacturing business in Worcester, is Charles Ellsworth Cather, who has been continuously identified with this industry since 1885. He has not only witnessed the innumerable changes that have taken place in this business, but has had a hand in bringing about many of these changes and improvements. To men in this business in New England, he is well known and he is regarded as an expert in his line.

Mr. Cather was born March 20, 1864, at Oakdale, West Boyleston, Massachusetts, the son of David and Mary B. (Brandon) Cather, both natives of Ireland. David Cather came to this country as a shoemaker in a day when boots and shoes were made largely by hand He died in 1877; Mrs. Cather survived him until 1896. Their son, Charles Ellsworth, was educated in the public schools and at an early age began to make a living for himself. He had just reached his majority when, in 1885, he became associated with the envelope manufacturing industry in Worcester. Up to 1898 he was connected with Logan, Swift and Bigelow and since then he has been with the United States Envelope Company, with which the former concern was merged at that time. During the forty-nine years, that have since intervened, he has been with these two companies and has served in almost every capacity in the mechanical department in the making of envelopes and allied products. He was foreman and superintendent of the plant for more than a quarter of a century and for some years now has been mechanical superintendent. He is now one of the oldest employees of this company in point of length of service. Mr. Cather is a director of the Worcester Coöperative Bank and also the Home Coöperative Bank, and is financially interested in some of the industrial concerns of the city. Fraternally he has been affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for nearly half a century and he also is a member of the Commonwealth Club, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and the Mechanics Association of Worcester County, of which he was president for some time. He is a Congregationalist in his religious faith and interested in all movements which make for the welfare of the community and its people.

Mr. Cather married (first) Florence E. Russ, and they were the parents of four children of whom three are living: 1. Irene G., married George H. Bullard, who is engaged in the emery wheel business in Framingham. 2. Ethel G., who is the wife of Harold R. Hall, cashier in the city treasurer's office at the Worcester City Hall; they have one child, Florence. 3. Ellen, who died in infancy. 4. Ralph E., who is employed in the Worcester office of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company; he is a member of Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; he is married and has three children: Eleanor, Donald and Robert. The mother of these children died in 1914. Mr. Cather married (second) Emma R. Bullard, of West Brookfield, Worcester County.

JAMES K. SCRIMGEOUR—A city of constant change and development, Worcester has many opportunities open to the man keen enough to see them and who has the courage to back his ideas and faith in the municipality to the limit. James E. Scrimgeour, a native son of Worcester, born May 6, 1894, began his business career in his youth as an office boy with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, but within a short time was convinced that there was a future in the business of supplying buildings, new and old, with electrical equipment. To that end he gained experience in various firms catering to this trade before establishing, in 1921, his own firm, whose success has been a genuine personal achievement.

He is the son of James Boyd and Mattie L. (Cummings) Scrimgeour, the former of whom was born in San Francisco, California, and died in Worcester in 1910. He was a well-known realtor and prominent citizen and a descendant of Rev. James Scrimgeour, who, in 1802, came from Edinburgh, Scotland, to become pastor of the Associate Reformed Church in Newburgh, New York, where later he married Janet Boyd, daughter of Major Robert Boyd. The origin of the name Scrimgeour is explained by tradition as follows: "For valor in battle, the name of Scrymgeour (meaning skirmisher or hard fighter) was bestowed on Sir Alexander Carron by Alexander I, of Scotland, together with the right to him and his successors *forever* to bear the royal standard. The Scrimgeours became constables of Dundee. One was a comrade of William Wallace, and through a long history the family name has seemed to describe its owners well." Mrs. Scrimgeour is a native and resident of Worcester and a descendant of Isaac Cummings, who settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1638. The youthful James K. Scrimgeour grew up in the city and was educated in its public schools. While still in his 'teens, he became an office boy in one of Worcester's leading corporations, but quickly graduated into the Worcester Electric Light Com-

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pany and by study and experience became an expert electrician. He later went with the C. C. Coghlin Electric Company as estimator and remained until 1921. In that year he founded the Scrimgeour Electric Company, of which he has since that time been the president and treasurer. The concern is one of the most important of its kind in the municipality and has done the electrical work in some of the best known of its larger buildings, including the George F. Wright Steel and Wire Company, the Medical Art Building, a number of the schools, and the new Memorial Auditorium.

Business has never been allowed to absorb all of Mr. Scrimgeour's time and energy, although he has had to devote a great deal of his career to his profession. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of all the bodies of Masonry up to and including the thirty-second degree. He is a member of the National Association of Electragists and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. Among his clubs are the Wachusett Country and the Lions International clubs. He is a Congregationalist in his religious views.

In 1916 James K. Scrimgeour married Ethel H. Huntington, of Minnesota, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Betty Jane, born October 26, 1926. 2. David L., born August 26, 1929.

HARRY HARRISON—To tell the story of the career of Harry Harrison of Worcester, without also telling something about the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company, would be to separate the inseparable. He has been in the insurance business since a lad of sixteen, and all of his mature years of commercial activities have been devoted to service of an insurance company, now more than one hundred and nine years old, and which seemingly has not yet reached maturity. Few men in the city are better known or more popular. His is a personality which interests and convinces, one that impresses itself upon the character of others. Having the gift of friendship, his friends are legion. He is prominent in welfare activities, has always given of his time and means to those less fortunate. Versatile and creative, he writes well and is a frequent contributor to the technical magazines and periodicals of his profession, but publishes too little of what he does well, verse.

Mr. Harrison was born in Sheffield, England, November 27, 1877. His father, Harry Harrison, born there in 1841, married Elizabeth Wright, of that place, in 1874. When Harry Harrison, the former, was one year of age he came with his parents to America. They first settled in Connecticut and later, in 1885, removed to Worcester. Here he attended the Chandler Street School and also went to the evening high school. At the age of fifteen years he was employed by the Torrey Razor Company, in which his father was a specialist.

In 1894 Mr. Harrison secured a job as office boy for the Merchants & Farmers Insurance Company. He remained with this company in various capacities, advancing from time to time until he was made head clerk. In 1911 he was offered a position as special agent by the Holyoke Fire Insurance Company, of Salem, Massachusetts. He was later field manager of the New England states for that company. In 1913 he became assistant secretary of the Worcester Fire Insurance Company. The year following he was elected to the office of secretary of that organization. In 1916 he became a member of its board of directors, and the following year was made secretary and treasurer of the company, a post he has held ever since. He was also elected in 1917 a member of the executive committee of the board of directors.

Business has never taken so much of Mr. Harrison's time and energy that he lacked plenty to devote to other activities. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, as member of the Blue Lodge. Among his clubs are numbered the Economic, Kiwanis and Hillcrest Country clubs. He is president of the National Association of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, past president of the Mutual Fire Insurance Associations of New England, treasurer of the Fire Patrol, secretary of The Hahnemann Hospital, Worcester, Massachusetts, secretary of The Bethel Help Association, director The Worcester County Mechanics Association, director Worcester County Horticultural Society and trustee of Oak Grove Seminary, Maine.

On June 12, 1901, Mr. Harrison married Agnes Luella Wheeler, a native of Hudson, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of a son: H. Lincoln Harrison, born May 27, 1904; graduate of the University of New Hampshire, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He married Marjorie Green, and they are the parents of a son, H. Lincoln, Jr.

The Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company is one of the noted Massachusetts institutions of its kind. It was organized on February 11, 1923, and the record of its first business is as follows: written in May, 1824; policy made out to Luther and Daniel Goddard; the total business done in 1824 was $2,064.64. This may be compared with the present status of the company, which on January 1, 1933, had a surplus of $1,961,379.84, and total assets of over two and a half million dollars. Of more interest than these figures is the fact that the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company is the oldest fire insurance company in Massachusetts, either stock or mutual, and justly deserves its familiar title of "Old Worcester Mutual." Also interesting should be the list of the officials of the company since its start, which reads like a roster of the old families of Massachusetts:

PRESIDENTS

Hon. Levi Lincoln	1823-1824
Rejoice Newton	1824-1831
Frederick William Paine	1831-1853
Anthony Chase	1853-1879
Ebenezer Torrey	1879-1888
John A. Fayerweather	1888-1901
Lewis N. Gilbert	1901-1914
Roger F. Upham	1914-1917
Willis E. Sibley	1917-

SECRETARIES

Isaac Goodwin	1823-1824
Henry K. Newcomb	1824-1825
William D. Wheeler	1825-1828
Isaac Goodwin	1828-1832
Anthony Chase	1832-1853
Charles M. Miles	1853-1881
Roger F. Upham	1881-1914
Harry Harrison	1914-

TREASURERS

Rejoice Newton	1823-1831
Frederick William Paine	1831-1868
Charles M. Miles	1868-1887
Roger F. Upham	1887-1917
Harry Harrison	1917-

WALTER R. DADMUN—Throughout most of his mature life, Walter R. Dadmun has been connected with banking in Worcester and for nearly thirty years of this period has been an officer in one such institution. A native of Worcester, he has always been closely identified with the civic and fraternal life and affairs of the community and has done a great deal to promote the advancement of the municipality. He is the son of William S. and Lydia P. (Lathrop) Dadmun, of Worcester, born August 23, 1878. Both parents died in 1920.

After attending the public schools of his birthplace, Mr. Dadmun attended the Lowell Textile School, intending to follow textile manufacturing, then one of the busiest of industries in New England. After a year or so, however, he accepted a position with the Worcester Safe Deposit Company, where he remained until 1903, resigning to go with the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank. Since then he has served in nearly every capacity, for which the Mechanics Bank has afforded an opportunity, and since 1918 he has been the assistant treasurer of the institution. His has been a career of steady growth and a solid personal achievement. Few men are held in higher esteem by their associates, and none has a greater reputation for integrity and sound judgment.

Devotion to his chosen profession has deterred Mr. Dadmun from entering into many activities for which he had the taste. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of all the York and Scottish Rite bodies of Masonry up to and including the Consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the University Club and attends the Congregational Church.

In 1908, at Worcester, Walter R. Dadmun married Alice M. Hobbs, and they are the parents of three children: Alice V., Elizabeth H., and Richard K.

BECKER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND SECRETARIAL SCIENCE—The oldest educational business institution of Worcester County, in Massachusetts, and one of the outstanding of its kind in New England, Becker College of Business Administration and Secretarial Science is a monument to the vision and unflagging efforts of the founder and those who have carried on since his death. The college dates from 1887, when Edward C. A. Becker founded it for the twofold purpose of inculcating a general belief in the highest standards of conduct in business and of providing thorough and practical training in the fundamentals and procedures of business. The original location of the institution was on Main Street, where the Boston Store now stands. In 1907 it was removed to No. 98 Front Street and in 1930 to the present location at No. 74 Front Street. Upon the death of Mr. Becker the college was incorporated, and his widow, Mrs. Mary C. Becker, served as principal of the school and president of the corporation until 1926. The present officers are: Warren C. Lane, president; Charles B. Post, vice-president; Edward P. Jenison, treasurer; and Hastings Hawkes, assistant treasurer and clerk. In 1930 the Post Institute, founded by Charles B. Post in 1899, was consolidated with Becker College and Mr. Post was elected vice-president of Becker College and still serves in that capacity.

From the beginning the college has developed with the support of prominent men and women who have recognized the importance of thorough, practical, and progressive education for business. Becker College gave the first courses in shorthand and typewriting offered in Worcester. It has kept abreast of progress by anticipating the needs of business and by preparing young men and young women to meet these needs. Prior to 1920, the yearly number of graduates would generally be from ninety to one hundred. In 1933 the graduating class numbered one hundred and seventy-five. These facts will give some idea of the growth and progress of the college. The alumni of the college number about twenty-five thousand persons. Many of those who have graduated now occupy important positions in the field of finance and industry in New England, other states and foreign countries.

WARREN C. LANE—The Becker College of Business Administration and Secretarial Science, one of the largest and best known business schools of New England, owes a great deal of its growth in recent years to the presidency of Warren C. Lane, of Worcester. He is a native Kentuckian, born May 26, 1891, in Morgan County, the son of Joseph C. and Susan (Henry) Lane. His father was a Confederate veteran of the War Between the States, a soldier in the Virginia Volunteers. In later life he was a wholesale merchant and one of the solid citizens of his part of Kentucky. Mrs. Lane is of Kentucky birth and is still a resident of that State. Joseph C. Lane died in 1928.

After acquiring the preliminaries of his education in the district schools of Kentucky, Warren C. Lane attended Hazel Green Academy, in that State, and was graduated with the class of 1910. He then matriculated at Bowling Green College, Kentucky, from which he was graduated in 1913, with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Science. He then pursued special post-graduate studies in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Young Men's Christian Association. After this extensive training Mr. Lane had no difficulty in securing a connection with the Bryant and Stratton Commercial College and served in various capacities, both as instructor and executive, until 1926, when he resigned to come to Worcester to take over the direction of the Becker Business College. He assisted in the reorganization of that famous institution, then run by the widow of the founder and was elected president of the new corporation. Many changes were made, both in the faculty and in the curriculum of the college, and the scope of its work was enlarged, so that the term "Business College" did not fairly represent what it was and did. Another school was absorbed in 1931, and this was made the occasion of the changing of the official title of the institution to Becker College of Business Administration and Secretarial Science. A sketch of the college and something of its history is given in this volume.

Mr. Lane has been the president of the college since 1926 and has devoted his energies to its betterment and growth. Since it is the largest college of its kind in Worcester, it is safe to say that he has done a good job of a very difficult task. Mr. Lane is a director of the David Dailey Service Company and also of the New England

Terminal Company. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the lodge, chapter, and commandery of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, as well as the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Lane is the author of several technical books and is a frequent contributor to various journals and magazines.

In 1916 Warren C. Lane married Pauline E. Newitt, a native of Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Caroline, born in 1918. 2. Warren Conrad, born in 1923.

EDWARD P. JENISON—In a previous review a brief history of Becker College of Business Administration and Secretarial Science has been given and mention made of changes in its officials which marked the beginning of its recent expansion. Edward P. Jenison was elected treasurer and a director of the college in 1926 and has since been one of the constructive forces which make this the outstanding college of business in Worcester. Mr. Jenison is a native of Rhode Island and was born July 23, 1892. He is the son of Edward A. Jenison, a native of Rhode Island, and Ellen E. (Garfield) Jenison, who was born and spent her early life in Concord, Massachusetts. Both are members of pioneer families of New England.

Aside from residence in Worcester, when attending Worcester Academy, Mr. Jenison had no active association with Worcester until 1926, when he affiliated with the Becker Business College. Prior to that time he was associated for many years with the Bryant and Stratton College of Providence, Rhode Island.

Mr. Jenison has always been interested in civic affairs and welfare organizations. He has represented the college in the Chamber of Commerce in Worcester and at present is vice-president of the Worcester Advertising Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Orpheus Lodge, No. 36, Free and Accepted Masons, of Providence, Rhode Island, of which he is a past master.

In 1916 Mr. Jenison married Bertha V. Howard, of Providence, Rhode Island, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Edward H., born in 1918. 2. Robert F., born in 1919. 3. William G., born in 1924.

HOWARD W. DUNBAR—Rated as one of the leading experts in the country on grinding machines and methods, Howard W. Dunbar of Worcester achieved his present high standing only after training and experience which included many forms of mechanical industries. His career has called for abilities which approach that of the artist and the inventor; he has been a designer, salesman, electrical and efficiency expert, in addition to having served as the directing head of numerous departments. He has written a number of books and brochures, chiefly upon grinding machines and processes, and has contributed hundreds of articles to various technical journals. Mr. Dunbar is a native of Stockbridge, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, born August 27, 1883, the son of Miles Emerson and Elizabeth Margaret (Ellicott) Dunbar. Both parents were of Massachusetts birth, the former of Stockbridge, and the latter of Great Barrington. Mr. Dunbar died in 1919 and Mrs. Dunbar in 1898.

After attending the public schools of his home town, Howard W. Dunbar attended Brooklyn, New York, Polytechnic Institute, and Newark Technical School, Newark, New Jersey, and also studied at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn. His preparation for his life's work had, thus far, been only that of a lad whose natural talents and tastes ran along the line of mechanics, but had yet to be directed to any definite vocation. After trying his hand at various occupations, his first position of any importance was with the Stanley Instrument Company, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, where he remained from 1901 to 1904. Upon coming of age he resigned to go to Orange, New Jersey, to serve as draftsman for the Pike Manufacturing Company, of that place. In 1908 Mr. Dunbar was employed by the Ellis Adding and Typewriter Company, of Newark, New Jersey, but it was only a short while before he went with the J. M. Quimby Company, manufacturers of custom-made automobile bodies.

It seems likely that his connection with this company marked the beginning of the kind of work which he liked best and in which he was to move on to success. He designed special bodies, such as the wealthy insisted upon having upon their motor cars. To a certain extent he also had to devise means by which these bodies could be constructed. In this plant he also realized that there were a number of things he had to learn, if he was to climb higher. After a time, Mr. Dunbar went with the Western Electric Company, New York City, where he was at first in the model making department, but was soon promoted to the designing department, later was advanced to the mechanical division, and was still later placed in charge of the methods engineering department. His official titles were chief of the tool department and assistant master mechanic.

Mr. Dunbar is that type of man who is instinctively the student, and this, when coupled with mechanical genius, makes for a very genuine modesty concerning one's attainments and the constant striving after further knowledge and skill. At this time, when he held important positions, he took for three months intensive training under the expert, F. W. Taylor, and then returned to the Western Electric to install an efficiency system, which is still in operation after a test of nearly a decade. In 1913 he removed to Worcester to become associated with the Norton Company and since that time has held half of all the numerous positions available. He has been sales manager, assistant general sales manager, works manager, and at present is the manager of the grinding machine division, with supervision over the work of some six hundred and fifty men.

Mr. Dunbar is a versatile, vigorous man, interested in a thousand things which go to make up a well-rounded life and blessed with a sound mind in a sound body, neither of which have been allowed to deteriorate. Besides his professional connections he is an incorporator of the Worcester County Institution for Savings, a past vice-president of the National Machine Tool Association, and a past president of the Worcester Society of Mechanical Engineers. During the World War he was prominent in the various Liberty Loan and humanitarian drives and actively promoted the affairs of the Red Cross Society and the Community Chest movement. He was chairman of the com-

mittee for training women in certain types of war work, and put in very strenuous years in the direction of the activities of his own corporation, whose products were of great importance to the furtherance of the government's war program. Fraternally Mr. Dunbar is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Quinsigamond Lodge, being a member of all the bodies up to, and including the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. One of his chief recreations is golf; he is vice-president and a member of the board of governors of the Worcester Country Club. He plays the game with the same vigor that has gone into his work, and it is said of him "He who beats Howard Dunbar will know he's been in a match." He is also an ardent disciple of Izaak Walton and very fond of flowers and their cultivation. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and attends the Congregational Church.

Howard W. Dunbar married Eleanor Elaine Scott, of New York State, and they reside at No. 15 Westwood Drive, Worcester.

RALPH R. KENDALL—For many years prominent in public life in Worcester County, Mr. Kendall has served for the last seven years with characteristic ability, efficiency and conscientiousness as county treasurer of Worcester County. In this office he has rendered important services to the county and its people and as a result he is not only one of the most popular county officials, but also enjoys, to the fullest extent possible, the liking, respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He is also widely and favorably known in business circles, is a popular member of several social and fraternal organizations and is active in civic, benevolent and religious affairs. Through his various activities he has become widely known throughout the county as one of its really representative and most useful citizens.

Ralph R. Kendall was born at Weathersfield, Vermont, May 3, 1876, a son of the late Charles F. and Mary A. (Brown) Kendall, both natives of Vermont and members of old Massachusetts families. His father, who was a farmer, died in 1892, his mother in 1888. Mr. Kendall received his education in the public schools and later attended a business college. As a young man he entered the employ of the Holyoke Machine Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, with which he was connected for twenty-seven years. During the greater part of this long period he served as assistant treasurer and office manager. In 1925 he was elected county treasurer of Worcester County, succeeding E. G. Ramsdell, who had held this position for the preceding thirteen years. Ever since then Mr. Kendall has continued to serve as county treasurer, in which capacity he has made an enviable record. In spite of the fact that this position makes heavy demands on his time and energy, Mr. Kendall has found it possible to maintain many other interests. He is one of the incorporators and the treasurer of the Associated Charities of Worcester, and a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. For many years prominently active in Masonic affairs, he belongs to the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters. His religious affiliations are with the Baptist church and more particularly with the Pleasant Street Baptist Church of Worcester. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, of which he has long been a prominent leader. At one time he served for several years as chairman and treasurer of the Worcester Republican Committee. One of Mr. Kendall's outstanding interests has long been the study of Worcester County history, on which he is regarded as an authority. He is frequently called upon to make addresses on subjects relating to the county's history before clubs and other organizations.

Mr. Kendall has been married twice. He married (first) Grace E. Robinson, now deceased, and (second) Florence E. Hooker of Sturbridge, Worcester County. He is the father of four children, two by each of his marriages: 1. Esther G., who married Kenneth Haller. 2. Alton C. 3. Mary E. 4. Robert C. The family residence is located at No. 19 Monroe Avenue, Worcester, while Mr. Kendall's office is in the County Courthouse at Worcester.

HERBERT L. DAKIN—The president and directing head of the H. L. Dakin Company, of Worcester, gave his name to the business which he established in 1903, as one of a group of stores among the finest of their kind in New England. Herbert L. Dakin is a native of Worcester, born March 25, 1877, a direct descendant of the Dakin family who settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts, at the time of the Revolution. Mr. Dakin was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, and the important phases of his commercial career have been achieved in Worcester. In 1903 Mr. Dakin purchased the store and provisions business of J. W. Ekins at No. 153 Main Street, which marked the beginning of the concern that is now the largest and oldest of its kind in Worcester. In 1910 he bought out N. F. Brown on Pleasant Street, in 1916 absorbed the business of a Mr. Cobb, and in 1920 merged with his concern the Bertel Delicatessen Store. His commercial affairs had then grown to such an extent that the forming and incorporation of a company seemed advisable. In 1922 this was brought about and the H. L. Dakin Company was organized with Mr. Dakin as the president and treasurer; N. F. Thornton, assistant treasurer; and H. B. Belisle and L. M. Barnes, vice-presidents. To the several stores already operated by this company was added one in Webster. All the stores run by the corporation are of the most modern type in appearance, spaciousness and equipment. Only the finest provisions, fruits and other supplies are kept and employment is given to from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five persons. Mr. Dakin is the directing and constructive force behind this enterprise, a position for which he is amply fitted by natural gifts and acquired experience, and the success of the company must be credited to the foresight, courage and unflagging efforts of its president. Mr. Dakin is a director of the Morris Plan Bank of Worcester and is also interested in other financial concerns.

Business, while foremost among the activities of Mr. Dakin, has never been allowed to absorb all his time or interest. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Montague Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of all the bodies of Masonry up to and including the thirty-second degree, An-

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cient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Rotary Club and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and he finds recreation as a member of the Worcester Country Club. He is a member of the Congregational Church and is ever ready to promote religious or humanitarian movements. Without seeking the limelight of public approval he is one of those business men who have contributed a great deal to the development of Worcester and the betterment of the conditions under which its citizens live.

Herbert L. Dakin married Mary B. Barnes, of Saranac Lake, New York, and they are the parents of a daughter, Evelyn D., now the wife of Robert Mix.

FRANK J. WESCHLER—The bicycle chain is one of the simplest of the modern means of conveying from one shaft to another and its manufacture seems hardly a sufficient base upon which to build one of the most important of Worcester's industrial organizations. Nevertheless out of the making of the "Baldwin Bicycle Chain" came the Baldwin Manufacturing Company, and in combination with another large enterprise was formed the noteworthy Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Corporation, international in its scope, and "in the field of chains and sprockets for power transmission and conveying stands supreme." (q. v.) Frank J. Weschler as a young man started his business career at Erie, Pennsylvania, in the employ of the Black Manufacturing Company, makers of bicycles; for more than one quarter of a century he has been connected with the chain industry, during the most of this time as an executive. He resigned from his official position with one of the leading manufacturers of motorcycles to assume the presidency of and management of the Baldwin Chain and Manufacturing Company. A modest man, little inclined to speak of his own achievements, it is another authority that one must quote in the statement that "under his (Mr. Weschler's) management the company enjoyed the largest volume of business in its history." At the time of writing he is the treasurer and general manager of the Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Corporation, a brief history of which may be found elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Weschler was born at Erie, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1883, son of Leo B. and Anna (Kimmeth) Weschler. His father was in the malting industry at Erie, his birthplace, and died in 1890. Mrs. Weschler was a native of Germany and lived until 1923. Frank J. Weschler after attending the public schools early went to work and his first important job, as already stated, was with the Black Manufacturing Company, makers of bicycles. This concern was later merged with the American Bicycle Company, and the plant removed to Westfield, Massachusetts, in 1902, and Mr. Weschler came to Massachusetts to continue his work with the new concern. In 1906 he resigned to accept a post with the Hendee Manufacturing Company, in the sales department. He was one of the principal executives of the Indian Motorcycle Company, of Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was called in June, 1927, to become the president and treasurer of the Baldwin Chain and Manufacturing Company, of Worcester, and is credited with being a foremost factor in the later development of that famous corporation. When this company was consolidated with another, he was elected treasurer of the new corporation, the Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Corporation, and its general manager. It has been a long and devious road that Mr. Weschler has traveled to success, and his achievements in varied yet related fields of industry have been the achievements of a man talented and energetic, blessed with vision and the courage of his convictions. He never has been afraid to assume risks and responsibilities, and has the personality which inspires men to work with him as they would not work for another.

The stress of business has never prevented Mr. Weschler from playing active rôles in civic and other affairs. During the period when the United States was involved in the World War he gave a great deal of time and energy to the furtherance of the Liberty Loan and other drives, and was a member of the Emergency Committee. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus. His favorite club is the Springfield in which he still retains membership. Among other financial and business interests he is a director of the M. A. C. Plan Bank, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and a trustee of the Hampden Savings Bank of that same city.

Frank J. Weschler married (first) Carolyn Caffrey, now long deceased, and they were the parents of four children: 1. Dorothy, a graduate of the Sargent School, Boston; the wife of Jerome Driscoll, and the mother of a daughter, Carolyn. 2. Lillian, a graduate of the Pathe Institute. 3. Eleanor, a student. 4. Ann, also a student. Mr. Weschler married (second) Theresa Caffrey.

ADNA J. CUTTING—To the vocation of dairying Adna J. Cutting, of Worcester, Massachusetts, brought the methods of modern business and achieved a remarkable success. He is a native of New Hampshire, born August 21, 1896, a son of Samuel L. and Julia (Gardner) Cutting, members of pioneer New England families. He grew up on a farm and was educated in the local public schools. After two years of special courses in dairying at the University of New Hampshire, Adna J. Cutting became connected with the International Harvester Company and was in its employ for three years. Then for five years he was associated with the Cherry and Burrill Company, makers of dairy supplies and equipment. In the meanwhile he had played his rôle in the United States' participation in the World War, being in charge of the military dairy farm at Marblehead, Massachusetts.

In this varied fashion Adna J. Cutting came to know all phases of the dairy industry and to be fitted to operate in this business on a large scale, should opportunity offer. In 1927 he had his chance and promptly made use of it, becoming the proprietor of a dairy which had been in business since 1920 with some success. Mr. Cutting incorporated this business under the name of the Hillcrest Dairy, of which he was made the secretary-treasurer. From its small beginning it has been developed by Mr. Cutting to the place where it is now the largest independent dairy in Worcester County. It operates a fleet of sixteen motor trucks and four wagons as a part of its daily operations. Mr. Cutting in addition to being the directing

force behind the Hillcrest Dairy Company, is also a member of the International Association of Milk Dealers, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and the Kiwanis Club of Worcester. He is a member of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church and interested in religious and humanitarian activities.

On February 1, 1923, Adna J. Cutting married Grace Smith, of Brockton, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Robert S., born in 1926. 2. Sylvia G., born in 1930.

WILLIAM S. KEELER was born in Whitinsville, Worcester County, June 24, 1906, a son of Harley E. and Agnes (Ferguson) Keeler, his father a native of North Hero, Vermont, and his mother of Massachusetts, the former being engaged as a foreman machinist. The son, William S., attended the public schools and followed with study at a school of commercial science and with two years of special work in accountancy. He chose banking for his profession and accepted a position in the Morris Plan Bank of Rhode Island at Providence. In February, 1929, he was installed as assistant treasurer of the Morris Plan Bank in Worcester.

Mr. Keeler is a member of Granite Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Whitinsville, and the Meadow View Gun Club. His church membership is with the United Presbyterian Church at Whitinsville, where he is superintendent of the intermediate Sunday School.

Mr. Keeler married, October 10, 1931, Theresa Frieswyk, a native of Massachusetts. Their home is in Whitinsville, and Mr. Keeler has his official address with the bank on Franklin Street, Worcester.

THOMAS H. CALLERY—From service to the United States Government spanning a period of a score of years, Thomas H. Callery graduated to the banking business and has since become one of the principal officers of one of Worcester's leading financial institutions. As treasurer of the Bay State Savings Bank in this city he has seen the institution grow in size and become a highly important unit in the system of finance in the county and State.

Mr. Callery was born in Boston, December 6, 1869, a son of Thomas and Bridget (Battles) Callery, both parents natives of County Roscommon, Ireland; the former, a gardener, died in 1896, and the mother in 1915. Thomas H. Callery received his education in the public schools and early entered the Federal service as a member of the Worcester Post Office staff. Here he was most efficient in the different departments to which he was attached and his work merited and was made the basis for promotions through various grades of the office. All together he was connected with the post office for twenty years.

In 1913 he resigned his government position, having accepted a place in the Bay State Savings Bank. Here he made himself thoroughly acquainted with banking methods and procedure, winning the confidence of the officers and the goodwill of his associates. Possessing executive ability beyond the ordinary and a flair for finance, nobody was really surprised when he was elected treasurer in 1923 to succeed George McAleer, who was the first to hold the office. From a business viewpoint, the bank has been his sole pride, and his enthusiasm, integrity and progressive spirit have been elements in what some call the institution's phenomenal success.

Mr. Callery is a member of the Washington Club, Worcester Country Club, and Knights of Columbus. He is a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester. Politics from a practical standpoint has never claimed the participation of Mr. Callery. Faithful in the discharge of his duties as a citizen, he is first and last a banker and by this title he is commonly known.

Mr. Callery married, in 1911, Josephine J. Joyce, who was born in Massachusetts. They live at No. 5 Dean Street, Worcester, and Mr. Callery has his office in the Bay State Savings Bank, No. 511 Main Street, this city.

EDWARD J. CROSS—Founder of the E. J. Cross Company, one of the largest building contractors of Worcester County, Edward J. Cross continues as executive head of that enterprise.

Edward Josiah Cross was born in Worcester on January 25, 1866. When he was only a year old, the family removed to West Warren, where he received his education in the public schools and continued to reside until he became of age. Subsequently he returned to Worcester, learned the carpenter's trade, and for seven years worked as an apprentice and journeyman in this city. In 1894 he entered business for himself as a contractor and builder, founding the company which has since borne his name. It was incorporated in 1910 as the E. J. Cross Company, with Mr. Cross as president and treasurer. He continues to be active in the company whose steady development reflects the value of his executive leadership and sound judgment.

The services of the E. J. Cross Company have been retained by many important interests and its work is to be seen not only at Worcester, but in other large Massachusetts cities. Among the edifices which it has erected may be mentioned buildings for the following manufacturing concerns: Norton Company (entire plant); Spencer Wire Company, Wyman-Gordon Company; mills of the Woven Cartridge Belt Company; buildings for the union Twist Drill Company at Athol; Collier-Keyworth Company at Gardner; Viscoloid Company and Whitney Carriage Company at Leominster; Jewell Brook Woolen Company at Ludlow, Vermont; Roger G. Sullivan Company at Manchester, New Hampshire; S. W. Card Manufacturing Company at Mansfield, Massachusetts; Hopkins and Allen Arms Company and Winchester Woolen Company at Norwich, Connecticut; American Optical Company at Southbridge, Massachusetts; New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad round house; and the plants of half a hundred well-known companies in Worcester. Other buildings which they have erected include the New Hampshire State Sanatorium at Glencliff, New Hampshire; buildings for the Memorial Hospital, the Temporary Home and Day Nursery and additions to the Art Museum at Worcester; the Beaman Memorial Library at West Boylston; several restaurants, railway stations, theatres and country clubs, a number of important mercantile buildings and many fine residences at Worcester and elsewhere.

Mr. Cross has several other business connections. He is a director of the Mechanics' National Bank

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and the Merchants and Farmers' Insurance Company of Worcester, and a trustee of the Peoples Savings Bank. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and he is a member of the Commonwealth Club, the Worcester Club, the Worcester Rotary Club, the Economic Club, the Worcester Country Club, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Mechanics' Association, and the Worcester County Fish and Game Association. He served for a number of years as president of the Worcester County Employers' Association. Mr. Cross has always been interested in civic affairs and has given substantial support to all worthy community enterprises.

He married, on February 25, 1891, Mary Olive Upton, born in St. John, New Brunswick, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Ralph Upton, now vice-president of the E. J. Cross Company. 2. Frank Edward.

Ralph Upton Cross was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on August 16, 1892. He received his preliminary education in local schools and after attending Worcester Academy entered Tufts College, from which he was graduated in 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in engineering. After the entry of the United States into the World War, he enlisted, in May, 1917, in Headquarters Company of the Northeastern Department at Boston. Later he was assigned to duty in the construction department, United States Army. He was commissioned second lieutenant and subsequently promoted for meritorious service to first lieutenant, receiving his honorable discharge with this grade in January, 1919. At that time he returned to his duties in civil life.

Apart from his army service, Mr. Cross has been continuously associated with the E. J. Cross Company. He has learned by intimate, first-hand experience all details connected with its operations and is well qualified for the responsibilities of his present office. As vice-president, he takes an important part in the direction of company's affairs. Mr. Cross is affiliated with Tufts Chapter of Delta Upsilon Fraternity and with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. In the latter order he is also a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. He is an active member and vice-president of the Worcester Rotary Club, a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Country Club, the Worcester Club, the University Club of Worcester, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, the Military Order of the World War, and Devens Post, American Legion. In religious faith he is a member of the Unitarian Church.

In 1922, Ralph Upton Cross married Mary Bigelow Barnard of Worcester. They are the parents of one son, Courtland Josiah, born May 26, 1926.

ALBERT SAMUEL HEYWOOD—Of one of the oldest concerns manufacturing shoes in Worcester County, Albert S. Heywood has been president for twenty years, the affairs of the Heywood Boot and Shoe Company having gone forward to greater achievements under his administration than it had known hitherto. In the forefront of civic advance in his community, he was one of those prominently active in securing the site for the Municipal Auditorium of Worcester. He is also officially interested in a number of financial institutions in this city.

Albert Samuel Heywood was born in Worcester, May 31, 1867. His father, Samuel Richardson Heywood, born in Princeton, Massachusetts, November 14, 1821, died in this city, May 27, 1913, founded in 1867 the business which devoleped into the Heywood Boot and Shoe Company. He married, June 6, 1856, at Chelsea, Harriet Butler Milliken, born August 27, 1828, died in 1918, daughter of Zachariah T. and Anne B. Milliken, both her parents natives of Franklin County, Maine. Albert Samuel is the fifth child, third and youngest son.

Samuel R. Heywood began the manufacture of boots and shoes in 1864 as a partner of C. C. Houghton under the style of Houghton and Heywood, this firm continuing for three years. From 1867 to 1873 Mr. Heywood carried forward the business of manufacturing boots and shoes. In the latter year he received Oscar Phillips as a partner and the title of S. R. Heywood and Company was adopted. The factory on Winter Street, Worcester, which the firm built in 1879, was known as one of the large and well equipped plants in the United States. Additions to the original building have been erected from time to time. The business was incorporated in 1884 under the name of the Heywood Boot and Shoe Company. Samuel R. Heywood was made president; Frank E. Heywood, vice-president; and Oscar Phillips, treasurer. Mr. Phillips retired in 1889, and was succeeded by Frank E. Heywood, and upon the latter's death, in 1899, Albert S. Heywood was elected vice-president and treasurer, Bertram S. Newell being appointed assistant treasurer. These were the officers associated with Mr. Heywood until his death. The factory was enlarged in 1894, 1905, 1907, and 1913, and the capacity of the plant was thus more than doubled. In 1899 the manufacture of boots was discontinued, since which time the company has devoted itself exclusively to the manufacture of high-grade shoes.

After passing through the public schools, Albert Samuel Heywood prepared for college, taking this course at the Worcester Academy. He then entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he graduated Bachelor of Science in the class of 1892. It had been his intention to practice the profession of electrical engineering, and he was making highly commendable progress in the service of the General Electric Company of New York, executing missions in different sections of the United States, when the death of his brother, Frank Everett Heywood, in 1899, caused him to abandon his career in the electrical field and to go to the aid of his father in the conduct of the great Heywood shoe concern. On January 1, 1900, he was installed vice-president and treasurer of the Heywood Boot and Shoe Company. He also assumed the responsibilities of manager of the business. In 1913, upon the death of the founder, Mr. Heywood was advanced to president; Bertram S. Newell to vice-president and treasurer; assistant treasurer and secretary, Chester D. Heywood, son of the late Frank E. Heywood. In normal times the company employs about three hundred and fifty hands, and distributes its products throughout the United States.

The company occupies a large building of five floors and basement. It carries group insurance for the employees and maintains a hospital service for them. It has the distinction of being one of the oldest members of the shoe industry in the county.

Besides occupying the presidency of the Heywood Boot and Shoe Company, Mr. Heywood is a director of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester, director of the Worcester County National Bank, director of the Worcester Bank and Trust company, trustee and vice-president of the Peoples Savings Bank of Worcester, and is identified with other business affairs in this city and county. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Worcester Academy and a member of Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Worcester Historical Society, Engineers Club of New York, Technology Club of New York, Phi Gamma Delta Club of New York, Worcester Country Club, Tatnuck Country Club, Worcester Club, University Club, and Quinsigamond Boat Club. His religious fellowship is with All Saints Episcopal Church, Worcester.

Albert Samuel Heywood married, September 28, 1899, Laura Chester Foute, born in Adairsville, Georgia, October 30, 1873, died May 10, 1914, daughter of William Edward and Eliza (Houston-Roberts) Foute. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Heywood follow: 1. Edward Foute, born July 17, 1900, died May 5, 1917. 2. Harriet Butler, born August 16, 1901, died July 13, 1919. 3. Dorothy Chester, born October 3, 1902. 4. Anne Norton, born October 5, 1907, married Demeter Larisch. 5. Elizabeth Patterson (twin of Anne Norton), born October 5, 1907, died July 21, 1910. Mr. Heywood has his business address at 70 Winter Street, and the family residence is at No. 246 Salisbury Street, Worcester.

NARCISSE J. LaVIGNE—A native son of Worcester, Massachusetts, and for the whole of his long life prominently connected with the business, political and social life of the city, Narcisse J. LaVigne bore a fine reputation for abilities which led to success in a wide field of activities that contributed to the advance and prosperity of the municipality. He was gifted with the unusual qualities required by his work, being keen of intellect, alert to opportunity, loyal to his friends and associates, and honorable in all his dealings. Great-hearted and broadly humanitarian in his outlook upon life, he was ever helpful in welfare and charitable movements. He left a record of civic usefulness, commercial enterprise and unblemished character which will be cherished by the generation which followed him.

Narcisse J. LaVigne was the son of Narcisse J. and Armiline (Delorme) LaVigne, a member of a large family of whom eight brothers and a sister survived his death on August 30, 1930. Educated in the public schools of Worcester, Mr. LaVigne entered the printing business in a most humble position and worked his way to the top. He learned his trade at the Cheney Press, then on Main Street, and before long branched out for himself by purchasing the plant of W. R. Moffat, on Main and Pearl streets, Worcester. In the beginning his career was all hard work and the difficulty of becoming established and acquiring a clientele. Indefatigable labor, expert salesmanship, constant attention to the endless details of his business, and strict integrity of personal character all contributed to his eventual success and a standing in the community which was of the highest. He introduced the Poster Stamp to Worcester and advertised Worcester as the city of the "Heart of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." Under his supervision and in his establishment the "Victory Loan" for Worcester and Worcester County was printed. His commercial achievements were not confined to printing alone; Mr. LaVigne was at one time owner of considerable real estate on Portland Street, Worcester, and might have succeeded substantially as a realtor had he so desired. At one time he became interested in a medical preparation known as Pepsinic Seltzer; helped to organize the company which made it, and was to the time of his demise a director of the corporation. He was also one of the organizers and, up to his death, vice-president of the Bancroft Trust Company.

Mr. LaVigne entered politics in the fall of 1916, being elected alderman-at-large on the ticket with Mayor Pehr G. Holmes and succeeding Mr. Holmes as alderman-at-large. He served for four years, taking an active part in the affairs of the city and serving on all the important committees including finance. He was also president of the board of aldermen. His political career was marked by courage and independence, and while serving as a public officer his whole thought was the welfare of the citizens of Worcester. Mr. LaVigne worked hard to have the city acquire a part of an estate on Houghton Street for a public playground, but was unable to overcome the opposition. A portion of this land was bought later as the site for the present junior high school. Always interested in the advancement and education of the younger generation, he devoted much time and energy as treasurer of a drive to rebuild and enlarge Assumption College. He announced his candidacy for mayor, but later withdrew.

Neither business nor politics ever was able to absorb all of Narcisse J. LaVigne's energies and time. He was one of the charter members in the gatherings of the Rotary Club. Among his fraternal affiliations were numbered the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Knights of Columbus and others. He was a member of the Franco-American Republican Club, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester County Republican Club, and the Wachusett Country Club. He was one of the founders of the Harmony Club and served as its secretary up to the time of his death. He also served as director of the Louis Pasteur Hospital. Always a lover of sports, among which baseball ranked first, he confined his own efforts in later years to golf.

Narcisse J. LaVigne married Georgianna Roberts, daughter of Theophile Roberts, and they were the parents of three children who survived his death: 1. Robert G., a review of whose life follows this. 2. Thelma, who married William J. Demers. 3. Germaine S.

Mr. LaVigne died on August 30, 1930, his demise marking the passing of a prominent and useful citizen, a gentleman of character and high principles, a man whose life was an inspiration and help to others.

ROBERT G. LaVIGNE—One of the younger business men of Worcester, Robert G. LaVigne has come into prominence both as the head of the LaVigne Press, established by his father, and as a civic-minded and active citizen, foremost in any project intended for the betterment of the city.

He is a native of Worcester, born December 18, 1903, the son of Narcisse J. and Georgianna (Roberts) LaVigne, a review of the former's career preceding this article. Robert G. LaVigne was given all the advantages of the public grade and high school. During his high school career his activities were well diversified, being business manager of the high school paper, "The Argus," during the year 1924, at which time he put the school paper on a good financial basis, and also a member of the Greenwood Club, a club composed of school athletes. His athletic activities were confined to baseball and football, and he had the distinction of being captain of the baseball team during 1922-23-24, at which time he was also manager of the baseball team. He then matriculated at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, from which he was graduated in the class of 1928 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. While in Colby he played well his rôles in college life and is a member of the scholastic fraternity, Delta Upsilon. He also became manager of the Colby College Glee Club during his junior year and confined much of his time to athletics, playing baseball and football on the 'Varsity teams. Upon graduating Mr. LaVigne returned to Worcester and became associated with a brokerage firm and secured business finance experience. A short time later he became associated with his father in conducting the business of the LaVigne Press. He had already gained a great deal of experience in the trade and was fully prepared to take over the management of the Worcester plant upon the death of the senior Mr. LaVigne in 1930. LaVigne Press ranks high among the printing firms of Central Massachusetts for its press work and its publications. "Distinctividuality," a word coined by Narcisse J. LaVigne, has long been the slogan of LaVigne Press and is closely associated with the firm name. The distinctly modern ideas of Robert G. LaVigne have contributed very largely to the success of the company. Mr. LaVigne takes a lively interest in municipal affairs, is a member of the Rotary Club, secretary of the Harmony Club, member of the Franco-American Civic League, Washington Country Club, Worcester Chamber of Commerce and various other societies.

In 1931, Robert G. LaVigne married Mildred Benoit, also of Massachusetts, and they are the parents of a son, Robert N. LaVigne, born February 16, 1932.

FRANK H. SAWYER—To his native city and county of Worcester, Frank H. Sawyer has liberally contributed of his time and talents, particularly in the business sphere, in which he has been associated with a number of large enterprises. Though his work has been chiefly concentrated in the management of estates, he has so arranged his activities that they have been valued by his city and its people and institutions.

Mr. Sawyer was born on May 11, 1878, in Worcester, son of Joshua W. and Mary H. Sawyer, both of this city. His father, who was a carpenter by trade, died in 1887. In the public schools, Mr. Sawyer received his early education, later attending business college and so equipping himself for a career in the commercial field. His first work was with the Worcester Gas and Light Company, with which he remained for eleven years. Then, in 1907, he entered the real estate business, specializing in the management of estates, in which he continues down to the time of writing. His labors have been confined mainly to larger properties, to the handling of which he has devoted special study and attention.

In civic and social life, he has been a leader. He is a member of the Economic Club, the Worcester Mechanics Association, and the Chamber of Commerce, through all of which he does everything in his power to advance his city's best interests and promote its well-being and prosperity. He is a member of the Lincoln Square Baptist Church, in which he has served in many different capacities, such as treasurer and member of the board of trustees. He has also been clerk of the Baptist Society City Mission and a delegate to different State and national gatherings of his denomination. Each of the organizations with which he is connected has been in one way or another the gainer from his activities, so that his position is one of outstanding character in the city, county and State in which he lives.

Mr. Sawyer married, in 1901, Edna M. Davidson, of Pennsylvania. The family residence is situated at No. 20 Westminster Street, Worcester; and Mr. Sawyer has his office at No. 393 Main Street, in the Sawyer Building.

WILLIAM F. COLE—After a distinguished career as an instructor in engineering and technical institutions of the North and the South, William Franklin Cole, while still a young man became associated with the first of several important manufacturing concerns and during the last two decades has been a manufacturing executive. For some years he was the general manager of the Baldwin Chain and Manufacturing Company, and since 1931 has been a director and vice-president of the consolidated company, the Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Corporation. Both the original Baldwin Company and the present corporation were, and still are, the outstanding makers of power transmission chains, the rise of the first named dating back to the eighteen-nineties when the "horseless carriage" was a novel introduction and the chain drive of the bicycle was carried over into the manufacture of the automobile. As the Baldwin chain was the finest of the bicycle chains, so it became the foremost of the motor car chains.

William Franklin Cole was born at Millville, Massachusetts, December 20, 1859, a son of William A. and Eliza A. (Hodges) Cole, and a descendant in the ninth American generation of one of the oldest New England families. Henry Cole, of Britain, known as the "Hawkfaced" held reign "over that portion of the territory known as Essex in the present day, and also Hertfordshire, in the year 238, and added to his dominion, shortly afterward, the principality of North Essex by his marriage to Seradwin, its heiress, a princess of the Eadda, whence in later times came the Pendragon Kings of Uther's royal race, among whom was King Arthur of the Round Table." The Coles "owned land in Essex, Wiltshire, Devonshire and Derbyshire under Edward the Confessor." The

first American progenitor of the name in New England was James Cole, who was resident and freeman in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1633, and is credited with being the first innkeeper in New England. The various descendants of James Cole have been traced and their important places in the annals of America noted, to the father of the man whose name heads this review.

William F. Cole was educated in the schools of Millville, and Blackstone High School, from which he was graduated in 1875. He completed his classical training in the English and Classical School of Providence, Rhode Island, and entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute from which he was graduated in 1883 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, in the department of mechanical engineering. Immediately thereafter he was appointed to the faculty of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts as an instructor of Mechanical Engineering. In 1885 he became draughtsman at the Washburn shops of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and as such remained with that institution until the end of 1889, resigning to accept the appointment, that of superintendent of shops, at Atlanta, Georgia, offered him by the Georgia School of Technology. In the following year he again returned to Worcester, and took a position as head draughtsman and assistant superintendent at the Washburn shops of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. This connection he held until the end of 1895, when he became general manager of the Plunger Elevator Company of Worcester. For ten years he had managerial control of that company's plant, and for two years thereafter was identified with the Otis Elevator Company, Boston, Massachusetts. In 1909 he went to Europe for further studies of his profession, and the observation of shop practices abroad. Upon his return in 1910 he became associated with the Baldwin Chain and Manufacturing Company (a brief history of which may be found in this work) as general manager. Later he was elected vice-president, a position which he retained when the Baldwin and Duckworth interests were consolidated, in 1931, as the Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Corporation. High technical training and extensive experience have combined to make Mr. Cole one of the industrial leaders of Worcester.

Mr. Cole by right of established success has gradually taken a less active rôle in the conduct of the corporation, and has resigned from many of the organizations in which he was a popular figure. He was prominently identified with the Worcester County Mechanics Association, being a member of its board of trustees from 1907 to 1915; and elected vice-president in 1916, and president in 1917. He is a member of the Worcester Horticultural Society and the Worcester Historical Society. Among his clubs are the Rotary and Economic clubs of Worcester, and the Appalachian Mountain Club. He is a lifelong communicant of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Worcester, of which he is a warden and member of the vestry.

Mr. Cole, in 1889, married Wilhelmina Bauer, and they are the parents of a daughter, Pauline E., a graduate of Smith College.

WILLIAM BULKLEY CROMBIE — For twenty years William Bulkley Crombie has been executive head of the Worcester printing establishment which bears his name. He is a printer of wide practical experience, an executive of demonstrated ability and a citizen whose public spirit has won him recognition.

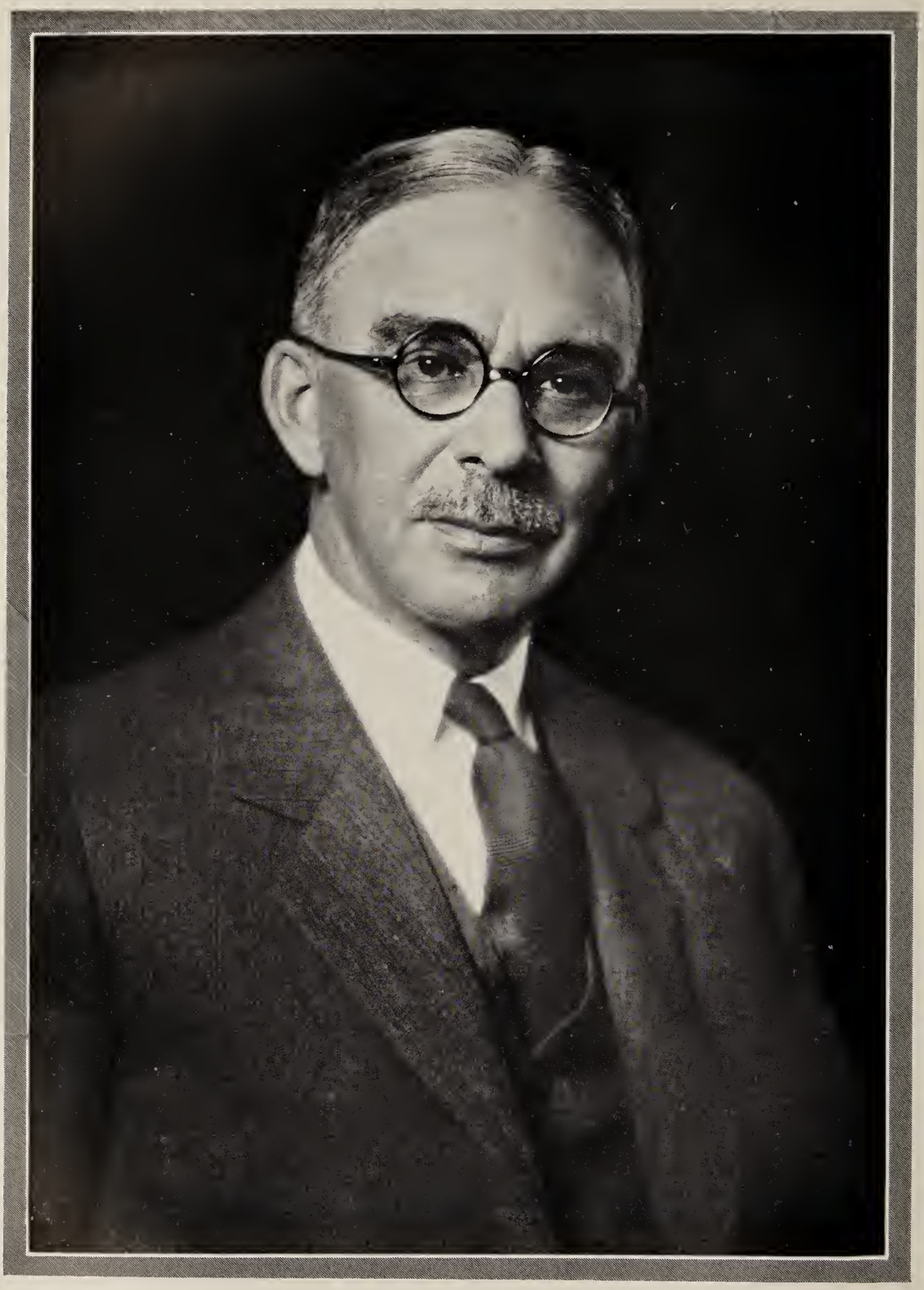
Mr. Crombie was born on April 8, 1871, in Rouseville, Venango County, Pennsylvania. His parents were of Scotch and English stock, which settled in East Hampton, Long Island, in 1650. When William Bulkley Crombie was two years old, they returned to their former home in Cromwell, and when he was twelve, removed to Lincoln, Nebraska. In the schools of that city he completed his academic training and there he served his apprenticeship in the printing trade. After the period of apprenticeship he was engaged in business for himself for seven years. At the end of this time he disposed of his interests and returned East, settling at Springfield, Massachusetts. Here he devoted himself to the printing and allied fields, spending considerable time in writing and compiling special work and serving as art critic for printing trade journals.

Mr. Crombie's discriminating taste and creative talent were recognized, when he took first prize in an international type design contest and, later, second prize in a national cover design contest. During this period he was employed as superintendent of the printing house of E. L. Hildreth and Company at Brattleboro, Vermont, where he remained for seven years. At the end of this time, in April, 1905, he settled in Worcester, where he has since resided. For four years he was estimator for the Blanchard Press. Subsequently he was elected to membership in the firm and for a number of years was vice-president of this large printing establishment. In April, 1913, however, after it was sold to the Commonwealth Press, he organized and incorporated the W. B. Crombie Company, of which he is president and treasurer. With passing years this enterprise has grown substantially. The excellence and integrity of his work were at once recognized and his practical skill was of assistance in all orders given him. Mr. Crombie has retained control of his company and its success reflects much credit upon him personally. His plant is equipped with modern machinery for all kinds of printing.

Apart from his business connections, Mr. Crombie has given his active support not only to all movements for the benefit of the printing industry but to civic and community enterprises at Worcester. He is well known throughout this section and widely respected. Mr. Crombie is a Mason and in religious faith a Congregationalist. His recreation is in literature and scientific research.

On June 8, 1898, William Bulkley Crombie married Frances Niles, of West Springfield. They are the parents of four children: 1. Thelma Elizabeth, now Mrs. Cook. 2. Ramona Isabelle, now Mrs. Thornton. 3. Russel Edwin. 4. William Francis. There is also one granddaughter, Virginia Cook.

JAMES E. WHITTAKER—A broad experience as an insurance representative preceded the entry of James E. Whittaker into the office of manager of the Maryland Casualty Company, with his headquarters in Worcester. He has been remarkably successful and has extended the district of his territory to embrace all Central Massachusetts. To the insurance profession generally in this State he is well and favorably known.



George W. Jepperson.

Born in Worcester, April 4, 1894, Mr. Whittaker is the son of James and Maria (McCartney) Whittaker; the former, born in Manchester, England, died in 1927, and the latter is a native of Tipperary, Ireland. James E. Whittaker attended the public schools of Worcester and entered Georgetown University, where he was graduated Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1917. He was later admitted to the bar of Massachusetts. During his student years he played semi-professional baseball and later served in a professional club in the same sport. He became well known in collegiate athletic circles and still is extremely fond of outdoor diversions.

Not long after the United States joined the Allies in the World War, he enlisted and was assigned to the aviation department of the United States Navy, serving at various stations and rising to chief gunner's mate. He is now a captain in the 181st Regiment of Infantry and a member of the Officers' Reserve Corps.

After the war, he became associated with the Aetna Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, having his territory in Worcester. Ten years later he resigned his position with the Aetna Company and in 1927 entered upon his duties as manager of the Maryland Casualty Company, succeeding Edward Sweet. This office he has since filled to the great advantage of the company and its clients. Previous to 1926 this company had no office in Worcester, its business there being represented by a general agent, who took care of the business from his office in another city. As Mr. Whittaker was successful in promoting the Maryland Casualty Company's business throughout Worcester and Worcester County, his district increased in size to the territory commonly known as Central Massachusetts. Thus he became one of the important figure in the insurance profession in this section of the State, with particular reference to casualty insurance. He has taken an active interest in fraternal organizations and is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and the Wachusett Country Club.

Mr. Whittaker married, in 1921, Irene M. Denno, a native of Massachusetts, and they have a son, James Whittaker, born April 15, 1922. Their home is at No. 10 Cutting Avenue, and Mr. Whittaker has his insurance office at No. 332 Main Street, Worcester.

GEORGE N. JEPPSON—A native son of Worcester, George N. Jeppson has risen to a high executive position and membership on the board of one of the city's greatest industries. He is vice-president, treasurer and a director of the Norton Company, with which he has been identified for about thirty-five years. Having a very wide acquaintance in this country and abroad, he is connected with a large number of important organizations and in Worcester alone he is officially and as a director interested in various financial and industrial corporations.

Mr. Jeppson's father, John Jeppson, was one of the founders of the Norton Company, of which he was a director and superintendent at the time of his death. He passed away in 1920, while making a vacation trip to Cuba. He married Thilda A. Ahlstrom. Both were of Swedish ancestry.

Born in Worcester, April 14, 1873, George N. Jeppson passed through the public schools of this city, afterwards studying at the Highland Military Academy and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He completed his education with an intensive course of training at the Royal School of Mines in Stockholm, Sweden. It was after he had spent five years in the service of the Norton Company that he went to Sweden to complete his technical career.

Upon his return to Worcester from abroad, in 1898, he resumed his association with the Norton Company, making it his first resolve to acquire an intimate knowledge of all departments of the industry. This he did through years of painstaking fidelity and during this period he was appointed assistant superintendent of the Norton Emery Wheel Company, which at the time was the corporate name. At the time when the change in name and a reorganization was effected, he was appointed secretary and works manager of the Norton Company. Subsequently he was advanced to vice-president and director, being also retained in the office of secretary, these being the positions he has since filled without interruption.

Numerous corporations, apart from the Norton Company, have been so fortunate as to command his services. He is president of the Skandia Bank and Trust Company, a director of the Worcester County National Bank, a director of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, a trustee of the Peoples Savings Bank, a director of the Riley Stoker Corporation, a director of the Royal Worcester Corset Company, a director of the Charles G. Allen Company of Barre, Massachusetts, a director of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce.

Among his learned and professional affiliations are the American Ceramic Society, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Scandinavian Foundation (trustee), Audubon Society, National Geographic Society, and Swedish Engineers Society, of Chicago, Illinois. He has a definite interest in educational and charitable institutions and has served at different times as a trustee of the Worcester Boys Trade School, the Worcester Public Library, the Worcester City Hospital, the Fairlawn Hospital, Inc., and the Swedish Lutheran Old Peoples Home of Worcester, to which, in 1926, he gave a building, furnishing it completely, in memory of his father and mother. His fraternal alliances include Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Worcester; Massachusetts Consistory, thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite; and the Swedish Masonic Club, of Boston. He is a firm Republican in his politics and a member of the Republican Club of Massachusetts. Others of his clubs are the Worcester Club, Worcester Country Club, Worcester Economic Club, and Odin Club of Worcester.

During the World War period he served on the Worcester draft board and was active in the various drives and campaigns. He has served his party and city as a member of the Worcester city government for four years, two years of this time as president of the board of aldermen. Horseback riding and yachting are his principal recreations, and he is a member of the Eastern Yacht Club of Marblehead and the Royal Yacht Club of Stockholm, Sweden. He is a member of the board of trustees and the music committee of the First Lutheran Church of Worcester.

George N. Jeppson married, May 10, 1911, Selma U. Swanstrom, of Worcester, and they are the

parents of three children: Britta Dorothy, John, 2d, and Betty Thilda. The Jeppson family have their town house in Worcester, and a country place, "Oakholm," in Brookfield, where Mr. Jeppson maintains a farm of one hundred and fifty acres and a herd of choice Guernsey cattle.

GEORGE E. WELLS—The entire business career of George E. Wells which he has thus far achieved has been identified with the insurance field. During the quarter-century he has maintained this association, he has risen steadily in the esteem of the Aetna Life Insurance Company and affiliated companies, of Hartford, Connecticut, of whose casualty department office in Worcester, he is the manager.

Mr. Wells was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts, February 24, 1892, a son of George E. and Katherine E. (Healey) Wells, both parents natives of this State, the former having died in 1926 and the latter in 1930; the father was associated with the railroad industry for many years. After passing through the public schools of his home town, the son, George E., went to Boston in 1908 and obtained a position with the Aetna Life Insurance Company. He was advanced from one grade to another as his merit was recognized, and in 1920 was sent to Worcester as the successor of Forest Shea as manager of the casualty department in the company's Worcester branch office. In this position he has attained an excellent reputation, having become one of the most widely known insurance representatives in this section of the State.

During the World War he served on various boards and committees in connection with the prosecution of the conflict to a successful conclusion, and for his work he received the thanks of the Federal Government. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, affiliates with the Worcester Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Economic Club of Worcester and the Wachusett Country Club. He is a student of history, and has many intellectual and social friends in Worcester city and county.

Mr. Wells married, in 1920, Helen Gormley, of Chicago, Illinois, and they have one daughter, Helen. Mr. Wells has his insurance office at No. 390 Main Street in this city.

ELMER L. POWERS—Beginning in 1907 in a clerical capacity in the employ of the Washburn-Garfield Company, of Worcester, Elmer L. Powers has risen through various grades to the position of general manager. The Washburn-Garfield Company is one of the oldest concerns of its kind in Worcester and one of the pioneer organizations identified with the manufacture and distribution of steamfittings in New England.

Born in Worcester, November 25, 1890, Elmer L. Powers is a son of Henry L. and Abbie L. (Bosworth) Powers, the former a native of Spencer and the latter of Massachusetts, the father pursuing the trade of a millwright. After passing through the public schools, the son, Elmer L., as a boy in his 'teens, entered the service of the Washburn-Garfield Company, and with this concern he has been associated all of his business career. Apt, willing and ambitious, he discharged with increasing ability the tasks set him and from time to time was made the subject of merited promotion. When he was appointed to the office of general manager, it was felt by his superiors and associates that the right man had been called to the position, and subsequent events in the history of the company have demonstrated this forecast as accurate.

He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Commonwealth Club and Wachusett Country Club. Among his fraternal affiliations are Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious preference is Protestant.

Mr. Powers married, in 1915, Millie M. Smith, a native of Massachusetts. They have their residence at No. 178 Whitmarsh Street, and the business address of Mr. Powers is the Washburn-Garfield Company at Foster and Commercial streets, Worcester.

HENRY C. WALSH—An active member of the Worcester County bar since 1926, Henry C. Walsh has risen rapidly in his profession. He has built up a substantial practice and is widely known as an attorney throughout this section of the State.

Mr. Walsh was born at Worcester, September 10, 1894, a son of Patrick J. and Mary (Sheehan) Walsh. Both parents were natives of Ireland. The father, who was born in County Mayo, was a moulder by occupation. He died in 1923. Mary (Sheehan) Walsh, his wife, was born in County Cork and died in 1921.

Henry C. Walsh, of this record, received his preliminary education in St. John's parochial schools and subsequently entered Holy Cross College, from which he was graduated in 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1917 he took the further degee of Master of Arts at Clark University. A number of years later Mr. Walsh took up the study of law. He was graduated from Northeastern University with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1926 and in the same year was admitted to the bar. Previously he had been an instructor in law and at the present time he teaches law in the Commercial High School, Worcester.

After his admission to the bar, Mr. Walsh established himself in general practice at Worcester, and became associated with John D. McGrath, Esq., in the State Mutual Building. His thorough training and diligence on behalf of his clients won him favorable attention and he has made steady progress in his profession. He is considered one of the ablest of the younger attorneys at Worcester. Mr. Walsh is a member of the Worcester Bar Association and the Massachusetts State Bar Association. Apart from his professional connections he is active in other phases of the life of this city and has always remained in close touch with his *alma mater*, serving at present as president of the Worcester County Holy Cross Alumni Association. He is a member and past president of the Washington Club of this city; a member of the University Club; is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and is secretary of the Blessed Sacrament Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In religious faith he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Walsh makes his home in Worcester at No. 20 Abbott Street.

HANS TRULSON—Founder of the nationally known Swedish newspaper "Svea" published in Worcester, Massachusetts, Hans Trulson was a leader among the Swedish people of this city for many years. In building up the paper, which has since remained in possession of the Trulson family, he rendered a very valuable service to those among his compatriots who have taken up their home in America.

Mr. Trulson was born in Sweden on August 25, 1846. He was educated in his native land, and came to America in 1869, seeking the larger opportunities of a new land. For three years he lived in Kansas City, Kansas, but in 1872 he returned East and settled at Worcester, Massachusetts, being one of the first half dozen of a nationality which has since won an honored place in Worcester life to locate here. For a time he was employed by the Washburn and Moen Company, now the American Steel and Wire Company, and during the last five years of his connection with that concern was foreman of the plant. In 1880, however, he established the first Swedish grocery store in Worcester, located in the Salisbury Building, Lincoln Square, and for sixteen years carried on a successful and prosperous trade. He was a man of fine character and attainments and of generous spirit. It was natural that the Swedish people of Worcester should look up to him as a leader, and his store became a gathering place for all of this nationality. Strangers in the city were given his name as a reference and with the invariable kindness which always distinguished him he helped to make them comfortable and find them friends in their new home.

The "Svea," intended as a source of news and information for Swedish people, was a natural outgrowth of Mr. Trulson's position in Worcester. He recognized that there was a place for such a publication, and when he disposed of his grocery business in 1897, he established a printing office from which he issued the "Svea," at first as a monthly publication, printed in the Swedish language. Later the publication was changed to a weekly publication, now managed by his son, Anton Herman Trulson (q v.). Two disastrous fires destroyed the work of years of toil, but Mr. Trulson, with fine courage persevered, using his personal financial means to the limit, and eventually succeeded in building up a valuable property. The "Svea" acquired a large circulation in Worcester and other New England centers, and Swedish people everywhere looked to it for news and opinion. In addition to current news, and special items of interest to Swedish people, not only from Worcester but from other towns where there were large Swedish communities, the "Svea" made it its policy to present much miscellaneous reading matter.

The first location of the "Svea" plant was in the building at No. 274 Main Street, of which the "Worcester Spy" occupied the ground floor of the same building. When fire destroyed this property, Mr. Trulson moved to a fine new plant in the Poli Building on Front Street, but again, in March, 1905, fire wiped out his property. Then he moved back to the new building of John E. Day erected in the rear of the plot at No. 274 Main Street. All three of Mr. Trulson's surviving sons became interested in the management of the paper. Francis, the oldest, was associated with his father from the time he graduated from high school, and as business manager largely built up the property and played an important part in its rehabilitation after the two fires. His early death in 1906 was a severe loss to the paper as well as to his family.

On September 20, 1873, Hans Trulson married, in Worcester, Anna Carlson, daughter of Nils Carlson of this city. They became the parents of seven children: 1. Albert, who died in infancy. 2. Francis, mentioned above. 3. Hulda, who was Mrs. Hulda Osterberg, of Worcester, now deceased. 4. Clara, now Mrs. Clara Fredin, of Worcester. 5. Anton Herman (q. v.). 6. Harold H., one of the present owners of the Svea Publishing Company and an active figure in the management of the paper. 7. Flora, who died in 1906.

Mr. Trulson died on March 26, 1908, in his sixty-second year. He was active until the last in the work which had come to mean so much to him and his death was a source of wide regret not only to the city of Worcester, which well appreciated the value of his citizenship, but to the hundreds of his personal friends and acquaintances elsewhere throughout the country. "In every movement inaugurated by the Swedish residents here," a previous biographer has written of him, "he took an active part, and he was a charter member of almost every Swedish club and society organized in the city. He came to know the Swedish people of Worcester almost without exception, but to the end of his life, even after the number had reached into the thousands, he made friends among all classes of people. He was essentially a man of large public spirit, though modest in manner and bearing, and not at all ambitious for distinction on his own account."

ANTON HERMAN TRULSON—As editor and publisher of the "Svea," Anton Herman Trulson has continued very successfully the paper founded by his father and has maintained the fine traditions so long associated with the family name in Worcester life.

He was born in this city on February 6, 1885, son of Hans Trulson (q. v.), and of Anna (Carlson) Trulson. He received his education in the public schools of Worcester and following his graduation from the English High School here, entered the office of his father's printing business. Under the capable guidance of the elder man, he learned all details of the business, step by step, gradually assuming larger responsibilities in connection with the publication of the paper and the general work of the shop. After his father's death he succeeded him as manager and head of the Svea Publishing Company. At that time the company was incorporated, all the stock being held in the family.

Mr. Trulson is a newspaper man of wide experience and distinguished record. He has greatly enhanced the value of the property which he manages, building up the circulation of the "Svea," and increasing its prestige and influence. Every effort has been made to maintain the highest journalistic standards, not only in editorial departments, but in the matter of correspondents and reporters. Today the "Svea" has no fewer than fifty correspondents throughout New England and enjoys a wide circulation in this entire section. Branch offices are maintained at Boston and Providence in addition to the main offices in Worcester. The growth of the paper has been accompanied by a

general growth in the printing business carried on by the company. A very complete and modern plant is maintained, and not only does the company receive a large share of the job printing in Swedish done in New England, publishing many pamphlets and books in that language, but also much job printing in English. This is executed according to the same high standards of quality.

Mr. Trulson has many other connections in Worcester. He is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of many higher bodies, including Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Goddard Council; Princes of Jerusalem; Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Lawrence Chapter of Rose Croix; Aleppo Temple, of the Shrine; and Massachusetts Consistory, Scottish Rite. He is affiliated in addition with John Erickson Lodge, No. 10; Thule Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and is a member of the Swedish Masonic Club of Boston, and the Svea Gille Association. In politics he is a Republican.

On June 27, 1913, Anton Herman Trulson married Gertrude Erickson, daughter of Carl P. Erickson, of Worcester. They have two children: 1. Dorothy E. 2. Anton Herman, Jr.

ARTHUR OSGOOD YOUNG—Among the families who have performed important services in business and civic life in Worcester, Massachusetts, that of Young must stand out prominently in the city's records. Arthur Osgood Young was for many years a leading figure in the fuel industry here, bringing the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, of which he was president, to a position of distinction in this region of New England, and at the same time winning the warm esteem and respect of his fellowmen for his capable handling of large commercial affairs. He was loved also for his kindly and generous personal qualities, his devotion to high civic ideals, and his warmth of human sympathy and understanding. His was a vision of rare character, an insight that served as a guiding light in his public and private relationships alike, a career of usefulness and a life finely lived.

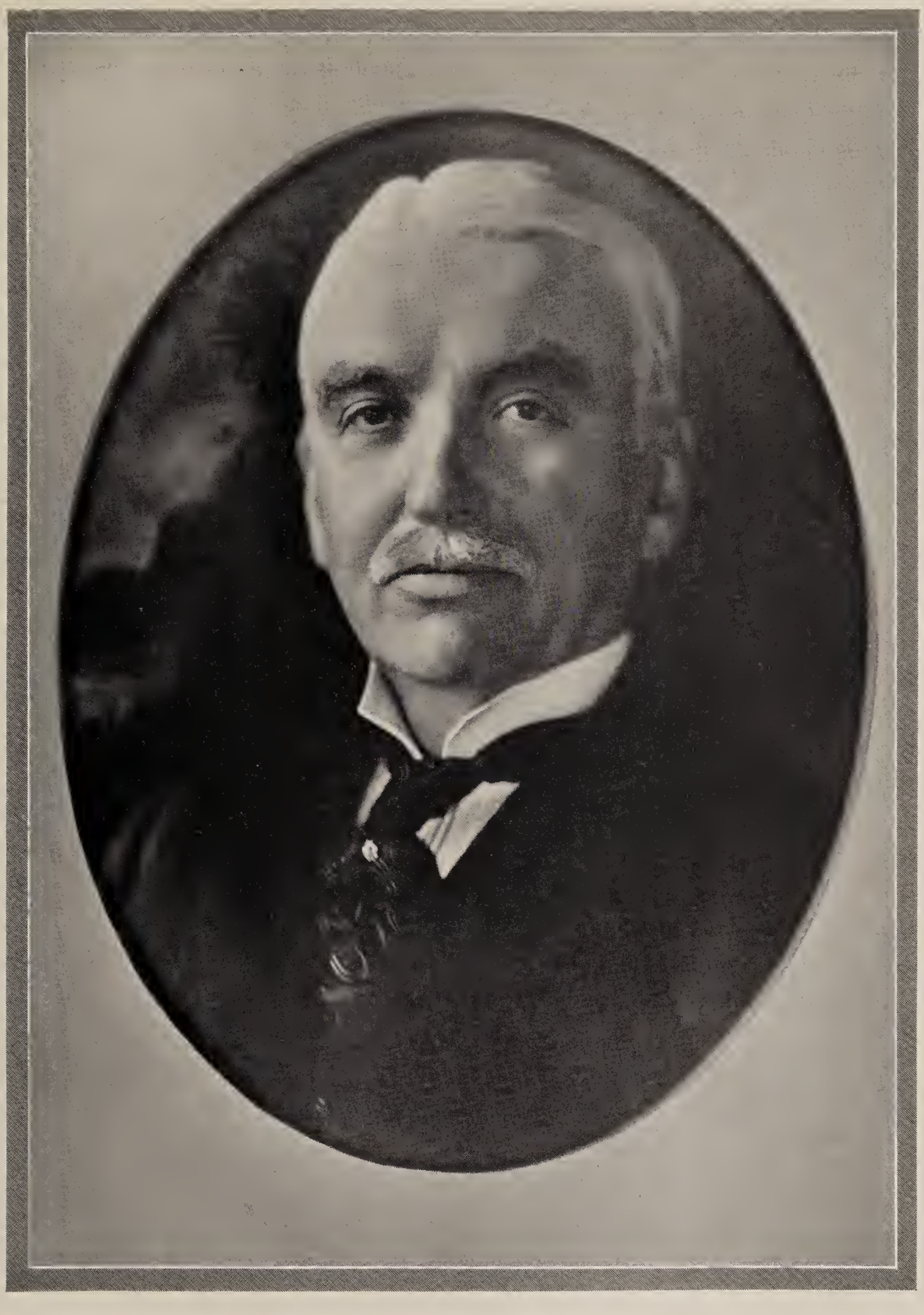
Mr. Young, who came to be so honored for his achievements in the business world in Worcester, spent most of his life in this city. In the public schools, he received his early education, and, immediately upon completing his formal studies, he began his connection with the company with which he was associated for the rest of his life. He worked at first with Charles L. Claflin, the founder of the business, who, coming to Worcester, established a coal yard in Central Street in the early 'seventies of the last century. Charles L. Claflin, who was a partner in the original firm of C. W. Claflin and Company, was placed, in 1875, at the head of the Worcester branch of the business; and at that time a wholesale department was set up in Boston. For many years the company was composed of C. L. Claflin, Mr. Young, and Edward W. Pierce, of Brookline, Massachusetts, Mr. Pierce having charge of the Boston office.

With the passing of years, the company expanded, though several reorganizations and changes of name took place. The old firm of C. W. Claflin and Company retained the wholesale business and the retail business evolved into the Claflin Coal Company. On April 1, 1910, the Claflin Coal Company was merged with the Sumner Coal Company to form the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, which corporate name was retained thereafter. The company headquarters were established at No. 9 Pleasant Street, Worcester; and yards were built at Nos. 241 and 401 Southbridge Street, No. 301 Shrewsbury Street, and No. 215 Ludlow Street.

As president of the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, Mr. Young contributed vastly to the advancement of its interests, which materially benefited from the ability and skill that he directed into the company's affairs. But he did not confine his business endeavors to this one organization, having been also a member of the board of directors of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company. He was also president of the C. W. Claflin Company, of Boston; president of the Massachusetts Wharf Coal Company of Albany, New York, and vice-president of the William McEwan Coal Company. His membership in the Worcester Chamber of Commerce enabled him to take part most helpfully in general business activities in his city and in projects for increasing prosperity among its people. He kept always in close touch with the economic situation in Worcester and the world at large; and, indeed, there was almost no phase of local or national life with which he was not deeply concerned. He was, in his political views, a staunch Republican and a supporter of his party's policies and principles; and his memberships in such groups as the Commonwealth Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, and the Worcester Country Club gave him a place of high standing in Massachusetts social life. His fine energies and enthusiasm were productive of beneficial results in many branches of Worcester life, and were a proof of his public spirit and personal excellence. Mr. Young was a vestryman of All Saints' Church.

Mr. Young's chief devotion was, however, to home and family; for, in the domestic circle, he found a happiness and inspiration that were not forthcoming elsewhere, but that radiated through every department of his life. Arthur Osgood Young married, on January 16, 1890, Mary Valentine Claflin, born at Hopkinton, Massachusetts, on November 3, 1855, daughter of Charles Winslow and Anna Maria (Valentine) Claflin. Mrs. Young, a member of an old and honorable family, was descended from Robert Claflin, a Scottish soldier who was captured by Cromwell and sent with other prisoners of war to New England about 1650, settled in Wenham, and died September 19, 1690. The name was originally spelled McClaflin, McLaughlin, and so forth. Daniel Claflin, son of the pioneer, was born in Wenham, but afterward removed to Hopkinton; he married Sarah Edwards, and from about 1715 to the time of writing, the Claflins have been one of the leading families of Hopkinton. Isaac Claflin, of the fifth generation, was a soldier in the War of the American Revolution. In all her lines of ancestry, Mrs. Young was descended from early English settlers in the Old Bay Colony.

Mr. and Mrs. Young became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles Claflin Young, who was born on December 5, 1893, received his education in Worcester, and is at the time of writ-



Arthur O. Young

ing a director and the president of the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company; he is also prominent in civic and social life, being a member of the Tatnuck Country Club, the Worcester Country Club, Worcester Club, the Commonwealth Club, and the Kiwanis Club; he married Edna T. Smith, of Worcester, who is a member of the Worcester Country Club and the Tatnuck Country Club, and they live at No. 221 Burncoat Street. 2. Margaret Valentine Young, who was born on February 1, 1897. 3. Arthur Osgood Young, Jr., who was born November 5, 1898; he is at the time of writing treasurer of the Framingham Coal Company, of Framingham, Massachusetts.

The death of Arthur Osgood Young, the father, in 1929, was an occasion of widespread and profound regret in Worcester and wherever he was known. For he had contributed liberally to business and civic improvement in his city and State, had taken an interest in every worth while project introduced in his community, and had merited by his record the high regard that was undeniably his. Honored for accomplishment, loved for character and personality, revered for his life of service, he was one whose memory could not but survive his physical residence on earth, serving as a source of satisfaction, joy and encouragement to others, and as a guiding light in years yet to come.

C. CLAFLIN YOUNG—Associated throughout practically the whole of his business career with the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts, in which he succeeded his father as president, C. Claflin Young has maintained, in his own career, the distinction of the family of which he is a member.

Charles Claflin Young, born on December 5, 1893, at Worcester, Massachusetts, was named after his maternal grandfather, Charles Winslow Claflin, who was long connected with the Claflin business interests in Worcester. On the Claflin side of his house—his mother was Mary Valentine (Claflin) Young,—Mr. Young was descended from Robert Claflin, a Scottish soldier captured by Cromwell and sent with other prisoners of war to New England about 1650, settling in Wenham and dying September 19, 1690. The name was originally spelled McClaflin and McLaughlin. The pioneer's son, Daniel Claflin, was born in Wenham, afterward going to Hopkinton, where the Claflins have since been among the leading families and where Mrs. Mary Valentine (Claflin) Young was born on November 3, 1855, daughter of Charles Winslow and Anna Maria (Valentine) Claflin. Isaac Claflin, of the fifth generation of the American Claflins, was a soldier in the Revolution; and, in all branches of her ancestry, Mrs. Young was descended from early English settlers in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

C. Claflin Young's father, Arthur Osgood Young, who was for many years president of the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, with which he was associated all his life, was also prominent in civic and social life. His life and works are recorded elsewhere in this volume. He married, on January 16, 1890, Mary Valentine Claflin, referred to above; and they had children: 1. Charles Claflin Young, of this review. 2. Margaret Valentine Young, born February 1, 1897. 3. Arthur Osgood Young, Jr., born November 5, 1898, now treasurer of the Framingham Coal Company, of Framingham, Massachusetts.

Of these, C. Claflin Young, of whom this is primarily a record, received his early education in the public schools, later studying at Mercersburg Academy. Upon finishing his schooling, he became associated with the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, of which he was made, after a time, a director and assistant treasurer. When his father's death left vacant the presidency of the company, however, the son stepped into the chief executive office, which he has since filled with eminent satisfaction to his community and his business associates and customers. The original firm was known as C. W. Claflin and Company, the official personnel of which consisted for many years of C. L. Claflin, Arthur Osgood Young, and Edward W. Pierce. About 1875, a wholesale department of the coal company was established in Boston. That first company went through several changes, becoming the Claflin Coal Company, which was merged, on April 1, 1910, with the Sumner Coal Company, forming the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, whose headquarters are at No. 32 Pleasant Street, Worcester. The Youngs, both father and son, have done much to further the upbuilding of this business, which, in their hands, was excellently managed and conducted.

In addition to his work with this coal company, C. Claflin Young, the present head of it, is also president of the C. W. Claflin Company, of Boston, Massachusetts; president of the Framingham Coal Company, of Framingham, Massachusetts, of which Arthur Osgood Young, Jr., is the treasurer; chairman of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Wharf Coal Company; president of the Converse-Carlisle Coal Company, of Springfield, Massachusetts, a director of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, and the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Worcester; and a trustee of the Worcester County Institution for Savings.

In addition to his business and financial connections, which, as the foregoing record shows, are numerous, Mr. Young is likewise a leader in civic and social organizations, belonging to several clubs and similar groups. He is a trustee of the Worcester Mechanics' Association, and a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Bancroft Automobile Club, the Commonwealth Club, the Economic Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Worcester Club, the Worcester County Mechanics' Association, the Worcester Country Club, and the Kiwanis Club. His religious faith is that of the Protestant Episcopal Church, his parish being All Saints', of Worcester, in which he is a member of the vestry.

Mr. Young has also distinguished himself as a writer, having prepared a number of articles and papers on the coal industry, with which experience has made him so familiar. Magazines and trade journals have published his writings at different times—a recognition that is not commonly achieved by business men, who, like Mr. Young, have by necessity paid greatest attention to commercial affairs. A man of varied abilities and attainments, he has, indeed, won the esteem and respect of his

fellow-citizens, especially through his enthusiastic support of a number of important public enterprises in Worcester.

C. Claflin Young married, in 1916, Edna T. Smith, of Worcester, who, like her husband, takes a deep interest in civic affairs, being a member of the Worcester Country Club and the Tatnuck Country Club. The children by this marriage are: 1. Thornton C. Young, who was born on May 19, 1917. 2. Elizabeth, born June 3, 1921.

FLORENCE J. DONOGHUE—In the practice of law in Worcester and its environs, as well as in different branches of civic life, Florence J. Donoghue has for many years figured prominently. His labors have been widely productive of good results, and he is esteemed and respected wherever he is known.

Mr. Donoghue was born on December 1, 1888, at Worcester, son of Jeremiah F. and Mary (Fogarty) Donoghue, both of whom were natives of County Kerry, Ireland. His father was engaged from time to time in different occupations, and his parents are among the well-beloved citizens of Worcester. In St. John's parochial schools at Worcester, Florence J. Donoghue received his early education, later being graduated from Holy Cross College in the class of 1911 and with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1914 he took his Bachelor of Laws degree at Georgetown University, Washington, District of Columbia.

Formally admitted to the bar on August 31, 1915, he commenced the practice of his chosen profession in the same year at Worcester. Since that time, he has continued his general legal practice, with offices in the State Mutual Building, this city. He is active not only in his own practice, but also takes a deep interest in the general welfare of his profession and in holding high its standards. Particularly does he participate in the broader life of his profession through his memberships in the Worcester County Bar Association and the Massachusetts State Bar Association.

Quite aside from the law, however, Mr. Donoghue has been a leader in Worcester life. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During the World War period, he served his country as a soldier in the army, having been assigned to Camp Devens, Massachusetts, and given the rank of corporal. He has also been chosen to fill important positions in the different fraternal orders with which he is affiliated and has an extensive knowledge of Worcester people and their history. He is likewise a member of the American Legion, in which he is past commander of the Worcester Post, and of the American Irish Historical Association, of which he is secretary. He was elected by the Worcester City Council a director of the Worcester Free Public Library for the term from 1933-38 inclusive To his many activities and affiliations, he has brought the benefits of a wide experience and background.

Florence J. Donoghue married, in 1922, Ella M. Power, of Worcester. They became the parents of two children: 1. Marie, who was born on June 16, 1925. 2. Robert, born July 19, 1927. The family residence, in Worcester, is situated at No. 16 Preston Street.

KENNETH B. WETHERBEE—Having advanced to vice-president of Wetherbee and Company, Inc., one of the oldest concerns in Worcester engaged in bookbinding and paper-ruling, Kenneth B. Wetherbee is contributing to the success of the business, which was founded by his father. The younger Wetherbee, who on both sides of his house is descended from old Massachusetts families, is a public-spirited citizen of Worcester.

John W. Wetherbee, born in Ashby, this State, was superintendent of the printing plant of F. S. Blanchard until 1900, in which year he established a small bookbindery in his own house. Later, as the business grew, he transferred his plant and office to Mason Street, and from the latter place removed to Oxford Place. When the new Printers' Building at No. 25 Foster Street was completed he was one of the first tenants to take space in it, and the business has since been situated there. Prosperity has attended the operation of the bindery and kindred lines, and the number of operatives has at times run as high as thirty-six. The plant occupies several thousand square feet of floor space, and the equipment is of the best for a business of this kind. In 1927 it was deemed wise to have the business incorporated and a charter was obtained for Wetherbee and Company, Inc., John W. Wetherbee becoming president, and Kenneth B. Wetherbee vice-president and general manager. The elder Wetherbee is a thirty-second degre Scottish Rite member of the Masonic Order, a Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, a Past Master of the Patrons of Husbandry (Grange), and is prominently identified with other organizations. He married Lena Inez Brackett, a native of Massachusetts.

Kenneth B. Wetherbee, son of John W. and Lena Inez (Brackett) Wetherbee, was born in Athol, Worcester County, December 5, 1895, and received his education in the public schools of that town. After the United States entered the World War, he enlisted and was assigned to the 74th Regiment and during his term of service was stationed at various army camps. His only major business connection has been with Wetherbee and Company, Inc., where he learned the business in its different departments and qualified for the executive and managerial positions he has filled since his election to them. It has been his good fortune to see the business develop to proportions where it commands a large place in the esteem of the Worcester business community.

He is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; has been advanced through the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite; and is identified with Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

Kenneth B. Wetherbee married, in 1919, Olive E. Pike, of Connecticut, and they have four children: Phyllis, Wallace, David and Martha. The family home is at No. 11 Dallas Street, Worcester.

RAYMOND PAGET HAROLD, treasurer of the Coöperative Bank of Worcester and a director of other financial institutions, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, July 12, 1898, son of George S., who early in life engaged in business in Worcester and is now active in the envelope business.

He married Sadie Whittum, a native of Massachusetts.

Raymond Paget Harold received his early education in the public schools, graduating from high school in 1916. While a student in high school, he was employed afternoons in a bank where he served as messenger and performed numerous other odd jobs, thus acquiring experience that was to be useful to him in his future work. Later, while still a school boy, he was advanced to the position of bookkeeper, in which capacity he served during the summer vacations. Upon leaving school he went to Pittsburgh and associated himself with the Pennsylvania Trust Company of that city. He had decided that he must secure a better education, and six months after going to Pittsburgh he entered Carnegie Institute of Technology, carrying on part of his work by attending evening classes. The entrance of the United States into the World War, however, interrupted his studies, and in November, 1917, he enlisted in the Motor Transportation Corps for World War service. He was sent to Fort Slocum, New York, then to Camp Johnson, Florida, and finally, in March, 1918, to France, where he remained in active service until June, 1919, when he returned to the United States and was discharged. He now holds the rank of first lieutenant in the Engineers Corps. Upon his return to civilian life he was empolyed for one summer in the engineers' department of the United States Envelope Company at Worcester. He then returned to the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, where he continued his studies in engineering for about two and a half years, taking commercial engineering courses. At the same time he was employed with the company that had previously engaged his services, the Pennsylvania Trust Company. When his studies at the Carnegie Institute were completed, he came back to Massachusetts, entered Harvard University, in Cambridge, studied banking and accounting, and obtained a position in the First National Bank of Boston. There he was employed in different departments until 1923, when he was appointed by Joseph Allen, then bank commissioner, assistant bank examiner. In 1927 he was made a bank examiner, having charge of bank examinations, in which capacity he served until December of that same year when he associated himself with the Coöperative Bank of Worcester as assistant treasurer. In June, 1928, he was elected treasurer of the bank and one of its directors. Under his able direction the bank has consistently prospered and has successfully met the difficulties of the recent banking crisis. In addition to his responsibilities as an official of the Coöperative Bank of Worcester, Mr. Harold is also a vice-president of the Massachusetts Coöperative Bank League. In March, 1932, he was elected a director of the Coöperative Central Bank, created in 1932 by the State Legislature, and he also serves as a member of the executive committee of that institution. He is a director of the Federal Loan Bank of Cambridge, and a director of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member and treasurer of the Economic Club of Worcester, and a member of the Rotary Club.

Mr. Harold has taken part in the social and civic life of his city and State, and has been an interested supporter of many worth while projects for civic and community advancement. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and serves as marshal in the Rose of Sharon Lodge, of Worcester. He is also a member of Theta Pi Greek letter society, which he joined in his college days. He is a member of Lincoln Square Baptist Church.

Raymond Paget Harold was married, December 28, 1922, to Myrtle Sprague Rice, of Worcester, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Harold have two children: 1. Charlotte Irma, who was born January 24, 1924. 2. Dorothy Ann, born January 26, 1932. The family residence is situated at No. 81 Morningside Road, Worcester.

ALEXANDER B. CAMPBELL was born at Lowell, March 17, 1878, son of Alexander J. and Eliza A. (Woods) Campbell. Alexander J. Campbell has been a merchant in Worcester for thirty years. Alexander B. Campbell was educated in the public schools, being graduated from high school in 1906, and immediately matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania. Before completing his degree studies in the university, he entered Yale Law School, where he studied for a professional career during the years 1907-08 and 1909. Admitted to the bar of Worcester County in 1912, Mr. Campbell began the general practice of law as the Worcester representative of the famous firm of Choate-Hall and Stewart, an association which continued for five years. In 1915 he became a member of the firm of Norman and Campbell, one of the leading legal firms of the city. The years have brought an increasing clientele and a host of friends who esteem him highly as an attorney and counselor, both professionally and as a man of affairs. Mr. Campbell is the attorney and a director of many large and important corporations.

Mr. Campbell became interested in politics before he had reached his majority, and he has served as assistant city solicitor of Worcester for three years, was honored with election as councilman during the period from 1912 to 1915, and was president of the council during 1914 and 1915. But in more recent years he has neither the time nor the desire to be in the political arena. He is a member of the Massachusetts, Worcester County and the American Bar associations. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. His favorite out-of-doors recreation is golf, which he enjoys as a member of the Worcester Country Club. His church is All Saints Episcopal, of Worcester.

On October 3, 1914, Mr. Campbell married Lucy S. Bryden, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Charles Bryden, born September 22, 1915. 2. Nancy, born July 24, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell reside at No. 38 Forest Street, Worcester.

EVERETT E. BERGSTROM—As a member of the group of younger business men in Worcester, Everett E. Bergstrom has a place of prominence as treasurer of the Independent Coöperative Bank and as a man who holds high ideals of his duties and privileges as a citizen. The same constructive ideas and indefatigable energy which he has brought to his profession, he brings into his activities in all phases of life, and his career promises much of usefulness in the better development of the municipality, even as it has already

given evidence of leadership and force in banking. He is a true son of Worcester, born there August 21, 1903, a son of Arvid T. and Carolina (Nelson) Bergstrom, both of whom, though natives of Sweden, married in Worcester. They came from their native country in 1875 and settled in Massachusetts. The senior Mr. Bergstrom was for many years a merchant; he died in 1922; Mrs. Bergstrom is a resident of Worcester.

Everett E. Bergstrom received the preliminaries of his education in the Millsbury Street public school and was duly graduated from high school. He prepared to enter college at the Classical School, of which he was also a graduate and matriculated at the University of Maine in 1921. Four years later Mr. Bergstrom was graduated from the university with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and immediately accepted a post in the Brookline Trust Company, Brookline, Massachusetts. Later he was associated with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Banks, in the Boston office, in which capacity he served for four years. In April, 1930, he was made treasurer of the Independent Coöperative Bank, with headquarters in Worcester, a post he has filled with marked success ever since. He is also a director of the Independent Coöperative Bank. Such in brief is the tale of a career filled with hard work and personal achievement and of a man who has traveled fast and far on a road which, in the ordinary course of events, has many milestones still to pass.

Mr. Bergstrom, on April 28, 1925, married Catherine Reidy, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Muriel L., born August 5, 1926. 2. Caroline Eloise, born February 10, 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom reside at No. 292 Lovell Street, Worcester.

REAR-ADMIRAL RALPH EARLE, U. S. N. —In 1925 Worcester Polytechnic Institute deprived the United States Navy of one of its best officers to serve as the president of this important institution. As was said of him at this time by a colleague in the navy, "Captain Earle has had the practical experience in the field of education through his various activities as a teacher in the Naval Academy. He has for many years been occupied in responsible and arduous administrative positions, at the Naval Training Ground, in the Philippine Islands, at the Torpedo Station, and preëminently as chief of the Bureau of Ordnance during our participation in the World War. He has dealt with men and affairs in matters of the greatest importance, and often under circumstances almost inconceivably difficult. Utterly loyal to those who stood above him, he has had in an unusual degree the gift of winning and maintaining equal loyalty from his subordinates. The qualities developed and displayed in the performance of his varied difficulties admirably qualify him for undertaking his task at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and seem to assure for him in the presidential chair a career no less successful than that already achieved in the profession to which he has hitherto devoted his talents." This prophecy has had ample and complete fulfillment in the remarkable success of Admiral Earle as an educator and administrator of the institute which is so effectively training young men for leadership in the world of science and engineering, and for loyal patriotic citizenship.

Captain Ralph Earle, president of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is a native of Worcester, born in 1874, a scion of pioneer New England families who were among the early settlers of Leicester, Massachusetts. He was educated in the public schools of his native place, entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute in January, 1892. A few months later he won, through competitive examination, appointment to the United States Naval Academy, from which he was graduated in 1896. The young graduate from Annapolis was commissioned ensign, May 6, 1898. The record of his further promotions follows: Lieutenant, Junior Grade, May 6, 1901; Lieutenant, March 3, 1903; Lieutenant-Commander, September 7, 1908; Commander, July 1, 1915; Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, with rank of Rear-Admiral, December 23, 1916. On May 5, 1920, after practically all his war contracts had been adjusted, he left the post of chief of Ordnance for sea duty in command of the "Connecticut," taking the rank of captain, to which the years had advanced him. Captain Earle's naval service fell within the period of two wars, that with Spain, and the World War. He served on the "Massachusetts" from 1896 to 1898. From April to September, 1898, he was the navigator and a watch officer on the "Hornet," participating in the battles of Manzanillo, June 30 and July 18, of that year. In September, 1898, he was on the "San Francisco," and, from the close of 1898 to 1901, on the "Essex." In 1901 and 1902 he was stationed at the Naval Proving Ground, Indian Head, Maryland. In 1902 and 1903 he was on the "Lancaster"; from May to October, 1903, on the "Yankee," and from the close of 1903 to 1905, on the "Missouri."

Captain Earle was executive officer on the "Arkansas" from June to September, 1915, and during the next year was head of the Department of Ordnance and Gunnery at the Naval Academy. From June to August, 1916, he was head of the Department of English at the academy, in addition to his regular department. From September to December of that year, he was in command of the Naval Proving Ground at Indian Head, and on December 23, 1916, when Commander Earle was but forty-two and one-half years of age, he was appointed chief of the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department, with the rank of rear-admiral, being the youngest officer who has ever held that responsible position.

The scope of the bureau's activities during the World War was so great that it would have been inconceivable ten years before. The first and principal part played by our navy was its share in the defeat of the submarine. The share of the Bureau of Ordnance in this was the provision of armament and ammunition for naval vessels as well as for merchant ships.

Beyond this more or less routine portion of the bureau's work, it originated and had the major part to play in two of the greatest accomplishments of the war—the construction of the Northern Barrage and the design and construction of 14-inch 50 calibre railway batteries that saw active service in France. The first of these achievements was the culminating step in the combating of the submarine. The second resulted in the cutting of the enemy's main line of communication, after which, in the words of General Pershing, "nothing but surrender or an armistice could save his army from complete

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disaster." Both these outstanding achievements were initiated and material was provided for them by the Bureau of Ordnance under the direction and constant supervision of its chief.

On the announcement of his desire to resign as chief of the bureau, Rear-Admiral Earle received from Josephus Daniels, then Secretary of the Navy, the following eloquent tribute of his work:

> I cannot express to you in words my regret in recommending to the President the acceptance of your resignation, and I am sure he will accept it with regret, as he has been kept informed of the truly wonderful service rendered by the Bureau of Ordnance during the World War, and will join me in appreciation of the signal service which you have rendered your country in a period of crisis.
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> The daily association and the comradeship in endeavor and hard work has been most grateful to me, and it must be gratifying to you to know the high estimate placed upon the services of the Bureau of Ordnance under your administration. It is not only true that this high estimate is placed on it by your associates in the Naval service, but by the country at large, for the origination of the Mine Barrage, the making of a type of mine which revolutionized warfare, the conception and execution of the big guns we sent to France, the acquisition of the proving grounds, the completion of the projectile plant and torpedo factory, the foundations for the new armor plant, and a score of other great enterprises begun under your administration and carried out with such honor to the Navy, will constitute one of the finest chapters of Naval achievement in its whole history.

Upon his retirement from the Bureau of Ordnance, Captain Earle commanded the "Connecticut" cruising in the Pacific, Atlantic, Caribbean, and North Sea on sea duty until October 10, 1921, when he was made chief of staff of Control Force, with the U. S. S. "Florida" as flagship cruising in the Atlantic and Caribbean sea. On May 31, 1922, after a course at the Naval War College he took command of the Naval Torpedo Station at Newport, Rhode Island. On May 25, 1925, he received leave of absence in order to assume the presidency of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, one of the oldest and most distinguished engineering colleges in the United States.

Captain Earle assumed the presidency of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute on June 12, 1925, relieving Dr. Ira N. Holis. In 1931 he was again made a rear-admiral by Congress. By the summer of 1933, he had made extensive improvements, such as the erection of a dormitory, of a swimming pool, of a field house, of an athletic field storage and garage building; the campus was beautified; the faculty strengthened; the courses modified and new ones of aeronautical engineering, elements of business for the engineer and architectural engineering had been added; student athletics had been placed on a sound financial basis, and participation therein of all increased.

CHARLES L. ALLEN—As an industrial executive of many years' standing and the present chairman of the board of the Norton Company, Charles L. Allen is among his leading business men of Worcester and a citizen who has contributed valuably to the progress and welfare of the city which has been his lifelong home and the stage upon which his career has been played. He was born at Worcester, March 6, 1858, the son of George Lucius and Eliza Jane (Black) Allen.

Mr. Allen was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1876. Later in that year he began to earn his own livelihood and in 1877 became a clerk in a retail shoe store in the city. From 1879 to 1880 he was a clerk in the Boston and Maine Railroad office. In 1881 he became associated with the F. B. Norton Company, as bookkeeper. Four years later he was made the general manager of the Norton Emery Wheel Company. In 1912 Mr. Allen was elected treasurer of the company, and he was the president from 1919 to 1933, when he was elected chairman of the board. He has enjoyed the distinction of being the general manager of the Norton Company from its incorporation in 1885 until 1933. With a service extending over half a century, there are probably few, if any, in the employ of the corporation who antedate him, and certainly there are none who have worked in more varied capacities or are as familiar with every detail of the operations of this industrial concern. Among other business and financial connections of Mr. Allen may be included: Director of the Worcester County National Bank, Worcester Bank and Trust Company, Norton Company, Riley Stoker Corporation, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, United Bancroft Hotel Company, Worcester Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company, and Junior Achievement, Inc., of Springfield; and he is a trustee of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank.

Mr. Allen has identified himself closely with the life and affairs of his community. Among his varied associations are: Trustee of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute; member of the Business Historical Society of Boston, National Economic League, American Museum of Natural History, Foreign Policy Association, New England Council, Worcester Natural History Society, Worcester Commercial Travelers and Worcester Association for Mutual Aid in Detecting Thieves. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Worcester Lodge of Perfection, Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Lawrence Chapter of Rose Croix, a member of all the bodies of Masonry up to, and including the thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Mr. Allen is a member of the Worcester Club, Petersham Country Club, Worcester Country Club, Tatnuck Country Club, Appalachian Mountain Club, Atlantic Tuna Club, and the Worcester County Fish and Game Association. He is also a member of the National Geographic Society and the American Red Cross. Among the political and civil posts held by Mr. Allen may be enumerated: Member of the parks and recreation board of the city of Worcester, chairman of the Worcester Auditorium Commission, and New England representative on the St. Lawrence Waterway Commission. At one time he was a member of the Massachusetts National Guard and served four years in Company C, 2d Worcester Light Infantry Regiment. During the period, when the United States was involved in the World War, Mr. Allen was prominent in the various drives and activities which characterized those strenuous days. He was chairman of the committee which put over the Fourth Liberty Loan and was a leader in the humanitarian and welfare movements of that day.

Charles L. Allen married Helen Louise Norton and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Norton Allen, a graduate of Wykeham Rise Preparatory School and Bryn Mawr College.

GEORGE HERBERT BOYDEN—For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Boyden has been engaged in educational work, in which he started to become active immediately following his own graduation from college. His entire professional career so far has been spent in New England, of which he himself, as well as his ancestors on both his parents' sides, have been natives. For the last twenty years he has been identified with the public school system of Worcester, where he has held various administrative positions of ever increasing importance and responsibility. Mr. Boyden is regarded as one of the most able educational administrators in the city of Worcester and has made important contributions to the development of the public schools in this city. He has a keen understanding of and sympathy for the problems of young people, with whom he is very popular. His interest in their welfare finds expression not only through his professional work in the public schools, but also through very effective activities in behalf of several organizations devoted to furthering the best interests of young people.

George Herbert Boyden was born at Cambridge, Massachusetts, June 21, 1882, a son of Benjamin F. and Alma (Grow) Boyden. His father was a native of Massachusetts, his mother of Vermont. The former began his career in a country store at Framingham Center, Massachusetts, where he spent four years and then entered business in Cambridge. This was about the time the Civil War closed, and Mr. Boyden remained actively in business in Cambridge until 1890. In that year he removed to Worcester, where he owned a small farm, on which he made his home until his death in 1908. George Herbert Boyden received his earliest education in the primary schools of Cambridge. He came to Worcester with his parents at the age of eight years and continued his education in the public schools of this city until 1900 when he was graduated from the Classical High School. He then entered Harvard College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905. Later he pursued post-graduate work at Harvard University and Clark University. Following his graduation from Harvard, in 1905, Mr. Boyden engaged in educational work, in which he has since continued with marked success. He first spent one year teaching school at Bucksport, Maine, and then a similar period at the Powder Point School at Duxbury, Massachusetts. Then he was appointed principal of the high school at Rutland, Massachusetts and served in that capacity from September, 1907, until January, 1908. Next he went to Westport, Connecticut, as principal of the Staples High School. He remained in that position from 1908 until 1912, since which year he has been identified with the public school system of Worcester. During the first ten years which he spent in this city, from 1912 until 1922, Mr. Boyden was assistant principal of the North High School. After that he spent nine years, from 1922 until 1931, at the Worcester High School of Commerce as assistant principal. In the fall of 1931 he was appointed to his present position, that of principal of the Providence Street Junior High School, one of the largest and most modern schools of Worcester. The attendance at this school averages about 1,000 pupils, and under Mr. Boyden's very capable management this school has steadily extended its usefulness to, and influence in, the community. It ranks today as one of the best schools of its type in the State of Massachusetts and, indeed, compares most favorably with any junior high school anywhere. Mr. Boyden is a member of the National Education Association, the Massachusetts Junior High School Principals Association, the Worcester Teachers Association, and the Worcester Principals Club. He is also very active in the work of the local groups of the Boy Scouts of America and of the various young people's organizations of his church. During the World War he served very effectively as chairman of the United War Work Committee at Boylston, Massachusetts, where he has long made his home. He also served during the famous Boston police strike as a corporal in Company H, 20th Regiment, Massachusetts National Guard. He is a member of the Worcester Harvard Club and of Boylston Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational Church and more particularly with the First Congregational Church of Boylston, Massachusetts, of which he is a deacon.

Mr. Boyden married, July 1, 1909, Laura Louise Dodge, of Rutland, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Boyden are the parents of five children: 1. David, born December 10, 1910, who was graduated from Harvard College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932. 2. Grace, born May 4, 1912, who was graduated from the Worcester State Teachers College with the degree B. S. E. 3. Alma, born May 17, 1915. 4. Esther, born January 9, 1920. 5. Lucy, born August 31, 1925.

ELMER EARLE LEGGE—Since 1920 Elmer Earle Legge has been associated with the American Steel and Wire Company at Worcester. He is an experienced metallurgical engineer and is now head of the physical laboratories of his company.

Mr. Legge was born at Brockton, Massachusetts, on June 26, 1895, a son of Alfred George and Rena Atherton (Gilson) Legge. His father is an inventor and a director of the C. S. Peirce Company.

Elmer Earle Legge received his preliminary education in public schools. He early decided upon an engineering career and carried on work both at Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science at these institutions in 1918. Until December, 1918, he was employed as cannon inspector at the Watervliet Arsenal. He then returned to Massachusetts Institute of Technology for special study in metallurgy under Dr. Fay, after which he went to McCook Field as non-ferrous metallurgist for the government. Thereafter he served as steel specialist for the Winchester Repeating Arms Company and in 1920 became associated with the American Steel and Wire Company at Worcester as an efficiency expert in their plant. Shortly afterwards he was appointed spring engineer and still later became a member of the manager's staff. In May, 1928, he became head of the company's physical laboratories and has since filled successfully this position of responsibility.

Mr. Legge maintains his residence in Leicester. He is a Republican in politics, is a director of the Taxpayers Association at Leicester and attends the Congregational Church. He is affiliated with the Chi Phi Fraternity and is an active member in the following professional societies: American So-

ciety for Steel Treating, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, American Society of Testing Materials and the British Iron and Steel Institute. His hobbies are radio engineering and the study of piano acoustics.

On September 3, 1919, Elmer Earle Legge married Helen Louise Sheary of Troy, New York. They are the parents of three children: Louise Irene and Gertrude Atherton, both attending public schools, and Alfred George.

CLARENCE F. ROBBINS—Well known for his connection with the theatrical and cinema affairs of Worcester, of which city he has been a resident at intervals nearly all his life, Clarence E. Robbins, manager of the Plymouth Theatre, has had a colorful career which has taken him to many other places than his native community. But, he has always returned, and for many years has played a prominent rôle in amusement circles. He was born at Worcester, April 11, 1880, the son of George L. and Ida F. (Roper) Robbins, the former of whom was a native of Upton, Massachusetts, the mother being born in Groveland of that same State. George L. Robbins is well remembered as a captain in the Worcester Fire Department for more than a third of a century. He was, in fact, a connecting link between the past and the present, for he was a call fireman as a boy, and in the early days worked for the National Manufacturing Company, while he held a job with the Fire Department, a thing which was permitted at that time.

Clarence E. Robbins was educated in the Worcester graded and high schools, and attended Child's Business College to acquire some business training. School days over, he went in the office of George F. Blake, makers of heavy hardware, where he remained for about a year. He then found something which suited his tastes and natural qualifications better, a position in the theatrical business in the old Lothrops Opera House, which was on the site of the present Olympic Theatre. He started as assistant treasurer and was soon made treasurer of the house. When "Alf" T. Wilton started a road show, nothing must do but that Mr. Robbins must go with it as treasurer and business manager. He was with this company for about two and a half years, and returned to open up the Franklin Square Theatre which was located where the Palace Theatre now stands. The road called him once more, after a short while, but he was soon ready to settle down, this time as the manager of the Malden Auditorium. Here he remained for seven years, resigning in 1918, to come again to Worcester to build the Mark Strand Theatre, now the Warner Theatre. He managed the affairs of this theatre for thirteen years, or until it was sold to the Warner Brothers Corporation. There were still several Mark Strand theatres in the State, still unabsorbed by any company, and Mr. Robbins went to one of these in Taunton, Massachusetts, and took charge of its affairs. A year later he was with the Plymouth Theatre of Worcester, beginning November 13, 1930, and has since been the efficient manager of this successful place of amusement.

Mr. Robbins has had little opportunity, or occasion to put his roots deep in many of the things which engage the attention of the average man. He is interested in civic progress and the betterment of the conditions under which the people of Worcester live, and has done a great deal for the welfare of the community. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all the Masonic bodies up to, and including the thirty-second degree; being a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Rotary Club.

On March 5, 1919, Mr. Robbins married Florence Mabel Nickerson, of Malden, Massachusetts.

JAMES J. REIDY—Those familiar with the growth and advance of modern Worcester know well the name of Reidy as associated with the building industry. James J. Reidy has for many years been a contractor and builder, who has specialized upon the construction of residences. All over the city are evidences of his work along this line, and some sections have a large proportion of "Reidy" homes. He has always been an advocate of a betterment, or beautification, movement in the municipality, to the end that it may become, even more than it is, a place of fine homes, interesting attractive yards, and parks and highways of charm and utility.

James J. Reidy was born in Worcester, October 21, 1879, the son of John J. and Mary (O'Brien) Reidy, both natives of Ireland. He was educated in the public and parochial schools, and while still in his 'teens set out to earn a livelihood. He engaged in various occupations before settling down to carpentry, which he learned in all its branches. He also began in a small way to contract for some of the work which went into the construction of buildings, and eventually became a contractor and builder. As has already been mentioned, some of the finest residences and homes in Worcester are evidences of his handicraft and construction.

Mr. Reidy has enjoyed life as he went along. Devoted to his business, nevertheless he is a lover of sports, interested in civic and philanthropic affairs, and gives a certain share of his time and energies to them. As a youth he was a very fine baseball player, and in connection with semi-professional teams has traveled all over New England. A member of the Wachusett Country Club, he is on the board of directors, and popular among its members. He is also a member of the Washington Club, and of several other organizations.

On June 19, 1907, James J. Reidy married Katherine M. Kelly, of Worcester, and they are the parents of eight children: Mary D., John K., William F., Frank J., Leo, Kathaleen, Paul and Noreen.

HUBBARD MOORE LOUDON—To be attached officially to the New England Power Company is considered a significant connection, one worth seeking and holding, since this is one of the really large corporations of the State. For the past fifteen years Hubbard Moore Loudon has been an increasingly important factor in the organization, holding at present the office of assistant superintendent, with headquarters in the Worcester division of the association.

Born at Washington Court House, Ohio, October 26, 1897, Hubbard Moore Loudon is a son of James E. and Lola M. (Albee) Loudon; the former, a native of Ohio, was engaged in the wholesale pro-

vision business and died in 1916, and the mother, born in Vermont, survived her husband at his death. The son, Hubbard Moore, passed through the public schools and entered Dartmouth College, from where he transferred to the engineering course at the University of Cincinnati. His business career started in Boston, where he was associated with his father in the latter's wholesale provision establishment. In 1919 he entered the employ of the New England Power Company at Worcester. He served in various positions of advancing grade and grew in favor with his associates and superior officers. After being transferred from the Providence division to the Worcester division, he was made the subject of further promotion, until he was appointed assistant superintendent. This is a highly responsible position, whose administration he discharges in a manner that is gratifying to the corporation's general management.

To the civic requirements of a resident of Worcester Mr. Loudon gives due heed, and he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, with whose purposes and activities he is in harmony. He is affiliated with St. John's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, the Westboro Country Club, and the Methodist Episcopal Church. Among his enthusiasms are the subject of history, of which he is especially fond, and the outdoor sports of a major character, in some of which he participates with zest.

Mr. Loudon married, in 1925, Eunice M. Fregeau, a native of this State. They make their residence in this city.

RALPH E. DUFFY—As treasurer and general manager of the George E. Duffy Manufacturing Company, Ralph E. Duffy has figured prominently in the business life of the city of Worcester. The Duffy company is engaged in the manufacture of woolen cloth, and its products have a nationwide distribution.

Mr. Duffy was born on September 7, 1900, at Franklin, Massachusetts, son of George E. and Grace M. (Whipple) Duffy, both of whom died in 1927. The father was for many years a manufacturer of woolens in Worcester, where he and several other individuals organized, in 1910, the George E. Duffy Manufacturing Company, referred to above. The organizers of this enterprise, in addition to the elder Mr. Duffy, were Walter F. Duffy and Hermann P. Riccius; and the plant was established at No. 1511 Main Street, Worcester.

The son, Ralph E. Duffy, of whom this is primarily a record, received his early education in the public schools, later becoming a student at Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Upon completing his formal studies, he immediately entered upon a business career, joining his father in the making of woolens. The years of association that he has had with this enterprise have thoroughly familiarized him with all its departments and work; and he has done much to carry forward the work that he has been given. He has held different positions with the organization, and at the time of writing is both treasurer and general manager. The company occupies 150,000 square feet of floor area, and employs about two hundred persons. Their products are distributed throughout the United States. Several new ideas have been made effective, especially in personnel and labor matters; and the equipment designed for the comfort of workers is in every way modernized. A plan of group insurance is in operation, and has been found most valuable; and another feature initiated to improve working conditions is the fully equipped hospital room that the company boasts.

Along with his work with the George E. Duffy enterprise, Ralph E. Duffy acts in an official capacity with other corporate organizations, being president of the Belmont Hosiery Company and a director of the Acme Knitting and Machine Company. He also has extensive civic and social contacts, doing much through such bodies as the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club to promote the best interests of his city and its people, and being affiliated with the Worcester Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club, the Worcester Country Club, and the Dartmouth Club of Worcester. Of the last-named of these bodies, he is at the time of writing the president. Widely known in Worcester and recognized here for his fine public spirit and ability for leadership, he stands out prominently among the younger business men of this region of Massachusetts.

His chief devotion has gone, however, to home and family. Ralph E. Duffy married, in 1927, Emily L. Walker, of Andover, Massachusetts. By this marriage, the children have been: 1. George E., II, who was born on July 25, 1928. 2. David W., born January 6, 1931.

ALBERT J. HOYT—An engineer of thorough training and wide experience, Albert J. Hoyt is now general superintendent of the North Works of the American Steel and Wire Company at Worcester. His entire active career has been spent with this corporation, and he has risen to his present position by gradual promotion through the merit of his services.

Mr. Hoyt was born on March 9, 1891, at South Norwalk, Connecticut, a son of Albert J. and Annie S. (Remington) Hoyt. His father, who was engaged in the oyster business, was part owner of the firm of W. H. Hoyt and Sons. He died in 1905. Annie S. (Remington) Hoyt died in 1898.

Albert J. Hoyt, of this record, received his preliminary education in public schools and subsequently entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he was graduated in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Soon afterwards he formed the connection with the American Steel and Wire Company which he has since continued, obtaining employment first in the testing department of their Trenton, New Jersey, plant. After several years he was appointed foreman in that mill and on January 20, 1927, came to Worcester, as assistant to the superintendent of the South Works of the American Steel and Wire Company here. In September of the following year he was appointed general superintendent of the North Works of the same company in this city, serving in that position since. Mr. Hoyt has supervision over about 1,800 men. Although relatively young to assume the responsibilities he has been called upon to meet, he has many years of specialized experience with the company and is thoroughly familiar with all details of its operations. He has made a very successful record and is highly regarded throughout the organization.

Fraternally, Mr. Hoyt is affiliated with Matinecock Lodge, No. 860, Free and Accepted Masons.

Ralph E. Duffy

He is also a member in this order of all the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and a member of Crescent Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In addition, Mr. Hoyt is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and of the Worcester Engineering Society. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist.

In 1915, Albert J. Hoyt married Laureita Downing of New York. They are the parents of two children: 1. E. Donald, born October 6, 1921. 2. Earl D., born September 2, 1924.

FRANK H. WILLARD—For half a century Frank H. Willard has been associated with the Graton and Knight Company of Worcester, rising to the presidency of this important corporation. He is a leading figure in Worcester business life and in manufacturing circles of New England and the Nation at large.

Mr. Willard was born at Harvard, Massachusetts, on December 9, 1865, a son of Stedman A. and Angenette (Putnam) Willard, both now deceased and both members of families which have helped to make the history of New England what it is. He received his education in Massachusetts public schools, began his active career at an early age and in 1883 entered the employ of the Graton and Knight Company of Worcester. Since that time he has been active in its operation, rising through various positions in different departments of the corporation until, in 1926, he was elected to the presidency, succeeding John E. White. Following this review, an account of the company and its history will be found.

Mr. Willard is well qualified by experience and native ability for the responsibilities devolving upon him. He has many other connections in addition to the presidency of the Graton and Knight Company, serving successfully as president of the Power Transmission Association, the American Leather Belting Association, the Manufacturers Research Association and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts. His position in manufacturing circles was further indicated by the election to membership on the executive committee of the National Association of Manufacturers. Mr. Willard was also chairman of the sole and belting group of the Tanners' Council of the United States. He has played an important part in the work of these various associations and is in close touch with industrial leaders all over the United States and in foreign countries.

At Worcester, Mr. Willard is a trustee of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, a director of the Worcester County National Bank and trustee of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Improved Order of Red Men, being a member in the Masonic Order of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. While always giving his best attention to the duties of business, he has found time to be active in civic affairs and has contributed substantially to the progress of the community. Mr. Willard is a familiar and important figure in the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, is treasurer of the local Young Men's Christian Association, a member and past president of the Worcester Country Club, and a member of the Economics Club, the Worcester Club, the Rotary Club, the Bancroft Automobile Club, the Commercial Travelers' Association and the Unitarian Laymen's League. These and other connections reflect the range and variety of his interests.

THE GRATON AND KNIGHT COMPANY, a leading industry of Worcester and one of the best known leather manufacturing companies in the world, was established in 1851 by Henry C. Graton and Joseph A. Knight in partnership. The beginning of this enterprise was very modest. The plant consisted of a two-room shop, about twenty by sixty feet, and the two partners constituted the entire working force. The capital of the company amounted to $1,057.29. During the day the founders devoted themselves to the technical processes of tanning and manufacturing leather; at night the books were posted and correspondence answered. When it became necessary to secure more orders, Mr. Graton assumed the duties of salesmanship, starting on trips which frequently took him thirty to fifty miles in a single day, a considerable distance in those times. Often he went on foot.

In spite of difficulties, the company gradually forged ahead. Every effort was made to maintain high standards of quality and orders were received from many neighboring manufacturers. The plant was moved from the card clothing factory owned by Timothy K. Earle and Company, in which operations had been begun, to two rooms located at No. 137 Front Street, Worcester. In 1867, in order to provide more adequate facilities, a leather tannery on Bloomingdale Road was occupied, giving the company a capacity of one hundred and fifty-seven hides a week. Various additions were made to this plant but still larger quarters became necessary. By 1870, the annual sales of the company totaled $179,000; the payroll amounted to $25,000 annually and the capital of the company had been increased to about $7,000. In 1872 it was incorporated with a capitalization of $100,000 to provide for further expansion. In 1882 a subsidiary company, the Worcester Counter Company, was established in a building near the tannery to manufacture counters and soles for shoes and by 1890 this latter organization was tanning six hundred hides a week. In 1893 a new factory was built in Worcester and gradually all manufacturing operations of both companies were concentrated there. Meanwhile, the first branch had been established in Chicago in 1893. As the company continued its growth, other branches were gradually established.

The great impetus which the World War gave to American industry almost doubled the demand for the company's products and the plant was expanded to meet this situation. A natural reaction followed the war, but the sound operating policies of the company, which had never been abandoned, enabled it to weather the storm and to return in subsequent years to peak production. In normal times this enterprise gives employment to some 1,200 Worcester workers and approximately 300,000 hides are tanned each year. These are used principally in the manufacture of leather belting, but many other special products are also manufactured, including three types of sole leather—a flexible special tannage, regular oak, and oak waterproof welting, automotive leathers, flat and

V transmission belting, lace leather, packings, whole leather, textile leather and many others. These are widely known for their excellence and have received medal awards at many exhibitions, including the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904, the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition of 1905, the Jamestown Exposition of 1907, the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition, held in 1909, and the Panama Pacific International Exposition of 1915. The Graton and Knight Company originated the idea of standardized leather belting for all industries, a development which has proved its value in use.

Sales offices are maintained by the company today in several large cities and their products find a ready market not only throughout this country but abroad. The original capitalization of $1,057.29 has been increased to more than $7,000,000 and the working force, which consisted originally of only the two partners, now numbers many hundreds. Present officers include: Frank H. Willard (q. v.), president; Frederick E. Barth, vice-president; Paul H. Wilson, secretary; and C. A. Bartlett, treasurer. The company and those who have made its growth possible have reason to be proud of a record which has not been excelled by any New England industry.

ALBERT FARNSWORTH, M. A., Ph. D.—Born in England, November 17, 1882, Albert Farnsworth, son of Thomas and Alice (Jackson) Farnsworth, came to Massachusetts and entered Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, to prepare for collegiate studies. He matriculated at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, in 1906 and was graduated in 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. In the autumn of that year Mr. Farnsworth became a teacher in Phillips-Andover Academy, a position he held from 1911 to 1914, when he went to Newtonville, Massachusetts as a teacher in the Newton High School. In the fall of 1918 Mr. Farnsworth became a member of the faculty of the Worcester Classical High School, serving from 1918 to 1923, then resigning to act as instructor in the well-known Worcester Academy, a position in which he has remained with marked success since that time. In 1921, Clark University conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. The same university again honored him with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1927. Dr. Farnsworth is held in high esteem among his colleagues as an educator and historian, his teaching specialty being history. He is a member of the New England Teachers' Association, and was its president in 1925. He is also a member of various educational associations.

Dr. Farnsworth is interested in many phases of social activities. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Brown and Bohemian clubs. His college fraternities are the Phi Kappa Psi and the Phi Beta Kappa. He is a member of the American Historical Association, and since 1931 has been president of the Worcester Historical Society. He has been a member of the Worcester School Board since 1925 and its vice-chairman since 1931. His church is the Congregational. Dr. Farnsworth has contributed many articles to newspapers and other publications on historical and allied subjects. He is the co-author of "Worcester and Its Story," published in 1934, and has in preparation a book to be entitled "Daniel Shays."

In 1913, at Methuen, Massachusetts, Dr. Farnsworth married Carrie Reaetta Humphries, daughter of the Rev. Alfred E. and Rebecca (Higginson) Humphries. Dr. and Mrs. Farnsworth are the parents of three children: 1. Albert H., born in 1916. 2. R. Barbara, born in 1919. 3. Nancy, born in 1928.

CHARLES WARREN JOHNSON—A member of the firm of Stark, Johnson and Stinson, Incorporated, one of the important insurance companies of Worcester, Charles Warren Johnson holds a place of prominence in the business circles of the city, and is a constructive factor in the modern development of the municipality. He is a native of Worcester, born November 27, 1882, the son of the late Edwin and Leah (Warren) Johnson, the former of whom was born in Rhode Island and the latter in England. Educated in the grade schools of his birthplace, Mr. Johnson was graduated from Worcester Academy and Drexel Institute of Philadelphia, from which latter institution he holds the degree of Bachelor of Science.

In 1907 Mr. Johnson became interested in the insurance business and accepted a post with the Factory Insurance Association of Hartford, Connecticut, as a fire protection engineer. He was stationed at Philadelphia for three years and for two years more was in the South. In 1912, Mr. Johnson located in Boston, Massachusetts, with the New England Insurance Exchange as insurance engineer, and later was associated with the Continental Insurance Company of New York as the chief engineer for New England. It was not until 1919 that he returned to his home town, Worcester, there to join the firm of William N. Stark and Company, general insurance agents. In 1925 this firm changed its name to Stark, Johnson and Stinson, Incorporated, the title under which since then it has operated, handling all forms of insurance. The company has developed well and built up a very large business and clientele. It represents for the district many of the old line insurance companies of America. Charles W. Johnson is president of the corporation; James E. Stinson is treasurer, and Mrs. Leoda E. Wallace, chief clerk. This company is reputed to have been the first in New England to advertise by radio.

Mr. Johnson has had a colorful and varied life, and is interested in numerous forms of activities. He is not only familiar with all parts of the United States and Canada, but has traveled in Europe, Africa and South America. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Worcester Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club and the Commonwealth Club.

On November 15, 1909, Mr. Johnson married Ruby Allen, of Worcester, and they are the parents of a son, Alden Porter, born March 24, 1914. He is now a student at Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut.

CLIFFORD F. HOOD—Coming to Worcester in 1917 after some years of engineering experience in the Middle West, Clifford F. Hood formed the connection with the American Steel and Wire Company, which he has continued since that time.

C. F. Hood

Mr. Hood has risen rapidly within the organization and is now manager of the Worcester division of his company.

Mr. Hood was born in Monmouth County, Illinois, on February 9, 1894, a son of Edward Everett and Ida (Firoved) Hood, both of whom died in the year 1926. His father was a farmer by occupation. Clifford F. Hood received his preliminary education in public schools and subsequently entered the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He commenced his business career with the Packard Electric Company, with which he remained until 1917. At that time he came to the American Steel and Wire Company at Worcester, beginning as a clerk in the offices of the company's electric cable works. Following the entry of the United States into the World War, Mr. Hood enlisted in the Regular Army, serving with the heavy artillery in France with the rank of first lieutenant. After his honorable discharge from military service, in 1919, he returned to his duties with the American Steel and Wire Company and was made superintendent of the electric cable works. In 1925 he was appointed assistant superintendent of the South Works at Worcester and superintendent in 1927. In September, 1928, he was promoted to the office of assistant manager of the Worcester division, and to that of manager on January 1, 1933. The several plants of the American Steel and Wire Company here employ several thousand men in normal times, the largest number of any Worcester concern. Mr. Hood has proved his value to the company and has taken an important part in the successful direction of its affairs.

Mr. Hood is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Society of Automotive Engineers and the Worcester Engineering Society. He is also a member of Chi Phi and Sigma Tau fraternities and of Scabbard and Blade and is likewise affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member in this order of various bodies, including the Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is a Congregationalist in religious faith.

In 1917, Clifford F. Hood married Emily Tener, of Pennsylvania, a member of the same family as that of John K. Tener, former Governor of Pennsylvania and at one time president of the National Baseball League. Mr. and Mrs. Hood are the parents of two children: 1. Randall F., born August 6, 1929. 2. Richard F., born May 10, 1931.

DWIGHT EDWARD PRIEST—As president of the Parker Wire Goods Company, Dwight Edward Priest is at the head of one of the companies which has contributed to the prestige and prosperity of Worcester as an industrial center.

Edward Priest, father of Dwight Edward Priest, was born in Northfield, Massachusetts. He received his early education in the public schools of his birthplace and in a boy's academy in Vermont, and later entered the mechanical engineering department of the Worcester Institute of Technology from which he was graduated. Soon after his graduation he entered the employ of the Thomson Houston Company of Lynn, which later consolidated with the Edison Electric Company of Schenectady and was named the General Electric Company at the time he moved to Schenectady and assumed charge of the railway and motor engineering department, and that connection he maintained to the time of his retirement. When the Parker Wire Goods Company was formed, he became financially interested in it, and he continued that interest to the time of his death. In 1928 he was elected president of the company, and that position he held until February, 1931, when he resigned because of ill health. All this time he had continued to live in Schenectady, New York, making occasional visits to Worcester to look after his interests in the Parker Wire Goods Company. In March, 1931, a little less than a month after resigning as president, he died. In this office he was succeeded by Dwight Edward Priest, his son. Edward Priest married Alenia Videtto, a native of Nova Scotia, and they became the parents of Dwight Edward Priest, of further mention.

Dwight Edward Priest, son of Edward and Alenia (Videtto) Priest, was born in Schenectady, New York, November 9, 1902, and received his education in the public schools of his birthplace. In 1924 he became an employee of the Parker Wire Goods Company, and learned the business from the bottom up, filling positions in all the different departments. Eventually, he was made superintendent of the plant, which position he held until his father's death, in March, 1931, when he was made president of the company. In this position Mr. Priest has the direction of the affairs of a plant filled with a variety of machines and equipment and employing on an average of one hundred and fifty hands. At the time of writing the officials of the Parker Wire Goods Company are: President, Dwight Edward Priest; vice-president and treasurer, Howard Nestor. Mr. Priest is a member of various Worcester clubs and organizations, and takes an interest in any well-planned movements for the progress of the city and the welfare of its citizens.

On June 30, 1932, Dwight Edward Priest was married to Emmy Lou Havens, daughter of Colonel Elmer H. Havens, of Bridgeport, Connecticut. They have one daughter, Polly Curtis Priest, born July 4, 1933.

GEORGE H. STONE, M. D.—Since 1930 the Memorial Hospital of Worcester has been efficiently supervised by Dr. George H. Stone, who came to this responsible position from Eastern Maine General Hospital, where he had served as superintendent for nearly a decade.

Dr. Stone is a graduate of Bowdoin College, at Brunswick, Maine, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905. Four years later, in 1909, he completed his special medical training, receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He had served his interneship in Boston City Hospital and after receiving his degree returned to that hospital, where he was later appointed to an executive position on the staff, a position which he filled for two years. In 1915 he went to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, where he served from 1915 to 1921, with the exception of the period during which the United States was engaged in the World War. After his enlistment he was assigned to Camp Devens, where he served to the close of the war, ranking as captain in the Army Medical Corps. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, where he continued to serve until 1021.

In that year he was appointed superintendent of Eastern Maine General Hospital, at Bangor, Maine, and there he continued to give highly efficient and valuable service in 1930, when he came to his present position as superintendent of the Memorial Hospital of Worcester.

The Memorial Hospital of Worcester had its beginning back in 1868, when, upon the death of Ichabod Washburn, a wealthy and benevolent manufacturer of Worcester, on December 30 of that year, it was found that he had in his will provided for the establishment of Memorial Hospital and Washburn Free Dispensary. The trustees were incorporated by act of Legislature, March 8, 1871, and on March 4, 1874, Washburn Free Dispensary was opened in the Bigelow Mansion at the corner of Front and Church streets, a building which had just been vacated by Worcester City Hospital. On May 1, 1881, the Washburn Free Dispensary was transferred to No. 11 Trumbull Street, and five years later, July 1, 1886, the Samuel Davis estate on Belmont Street was purchased of William Dickinson. The work of preparation and remodeling went rapidly forward, and in June, 1888 the Washburn Free Dispensary was removed to Belmont Street and the Memorial Hospital was opened in the Dickinson house, which was the mansion of the Samuel Belmont estate. The newly opened hospital contained only nineteen beds, but it was well begun on its career of expanding usefulness. A school of nursing was opened in March, 1889; district nursing was organized in May, 1892; and in September of that same year the Henry L. Clarke and the Philip L. Moen wards were dedicated, and ten private rooms added. The Worcester Society of District Nursing relieved the hospital of the district nursing in 1899, and in 1902 the Albert Bowman Wood Surgery was dedicated. A power house and laundry, built in 1908, greatly facilitated the routine work of the hospital, but still the plant was not fully prepared to meet its opportunities for service. The Memorial Hospital had always considered the care of women and children its special work. Women's and children's wards had been provided with funds donated by Philip L. Moen and Mrs. Clarke, and in 1905, a fund of $34,000 had been raised by subscription to make the children's ward adequate to its greatly increased needs. This work, begun by Miss Mabel C. Gage and carried on by such citizens as Charles A. Chase, Dr. Leonard Wheeler, Reginald Washburn, and Dr. Homer Gage, resulted in the opening, in 1909, of the Rebecca A. Morgan maternity ward, the George L. Newton building for private patients, and the children's building containing forty-eight beds, a large play room and a roof garden. A special service department was established in 1911, the new dining room for nurses in 1915, and the industrial accident ward for men in 1918. The Corliss property on Oak Avenue and the Jefferson property at the corner of Oak Avenue and Belmont Street were purchased in 1920, in 1923 the D. Wheeler Swift property on the corner of Oak Avenue and Kendall Street was added to the already greatly expanded hospital holdings, and in May, 1925, a successful campaign for funds made possible the building of a new outpatient department and a new residence for nurses. Meantime, in 1917, the Washburn Free Dispensary had been transferred to Jefferson House on Oak Avenue, and in November, 1926, it was again moved to new quarters in the Higgins Building. The new residence for nurses, Jaquith House, opened in February, 1927, includes Knowles Hall, in memory of Francis Bangs and Hester Ann Knowles, and the Mary Nelson Perley demonstration ward. In 1927 were opened also the Homer Gage, Jr., Ward and the Sawyer Surgery, a memorial to Francis Wild Sawyer. The Memorial Hospital in 1932 had two hundred and fifteen beds, and in 1931 it took care of 5,419 in-patients and 28,701 out-patients. Its expenditures for 1931 amounted to $335,000, of which $55,000 is annually provided by endowments. Memorial Hospital has rendered splendid service to the city of Worcester and is year by year increasing its facilities for service.

To this large and important field of professional activity came Dr. George H. Stone in 1930, and since that time he has met his responsibilities most efficiently. Dr. Stone is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society (having transferred his membership from the Maine Medical Society), the Worcester District Medical Society, and the American Hospital Association. Fraternally, he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all the York and Scottish Rite bodies and having attained in the latter the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the American Legion and of the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army in which he ranks as major; the Worcester Country Club and the Worcester Rotary Club (having transferred membership from the Rotary Club of Bangor, Maine.)

Dr. George H. Stone married, November 19, 1914, Eva M. Scott, who was born in Boston, but removed to Claremont, New Hampshire, and later to Clinton, Massachusetts. Dr. and Mrs. Stone have three children: George H., Jr., Eleanore G., and Caroline A.

FREDERICK W. CRONIN—In two different professions, engineering and the law, Frederick W. Cronin has performed work of value, so holding a somewhat special distinction in point of varied achievement. He is now practicing law in the city of Worcester, his native place, and is here affiliated with a number of organizations in different branches of local life.

Mr. Cronin was born on September 28, 1876, at Worcester, son of Michael J. and Mary J. (Leary) Cronin. His father, who for many years lived in India and was a bricklayer by occupation, died in 1904. The mother came from Ware, Massachusetts; she passed away in 1908. In public and high schools, Frederick W. Cronin, of this review, received his early education, afterward attending the Massachusetts Nautical Training School. At that institution he took a certificate and diploma as an engineer, thereafter continuing in engineering work for seven years. He was engineer on the "Yale" during the Spanish-American War in 1898 and later became a stationary engineer. While serving in that capacity, he took up the study of law, successfully passing the bar examinations and being admitted to practice in 1905. Since then he has continued his legal work, practicing under his own name and specializing in criminal law. He is without doubt one of the leading men in his profession in Worcester and

Worcester County from the standpoint of criminal law.

Along with his regular professional activities, Mr. Cronin takes part in associational affairs. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association, the Massachusetts State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Fraternal affairs also interest him and he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During the World War he served on the draft board; and this service, combined with his labors as engineer on the "Yale" during the Spanish-American War gave him a record of usefulness to his government.

Mr. Cronin is not essentially a club man, though he does belong to several organizations and societies. In his religious faith he is a Roman Catholic. Every group with which he has been associated has in some way gained from his activities in its behalf. But he has been devoted, first of all, to his work and to home and family. He has been retained in many important legal cases, mostly of a criminal nature. Back of his work in Worcester, moreover, is an enormous breadth of experience; for, while serving in an engineering capacity, he went several times around the world. He is master of several languages, which he learned through actual association with the peoples of the different nations he visited, and has a fine collection of unusual articles, which he gathered on his numerous trips.

Frederick W. Cronin married, in 1916, Helen McLaughlin, of Massachusetts, who died in 1932.

GEORGE C. BESTICK—For the last twenty years a resident of Worcester, George C. Bestick, of the Heald Machine Company, has identified himself with the industrial and civic life of the city, and is particularly active in its fraternal circles. He is a native of Braintree, Massachusetts, born July 12, 1882, the son of George R. and Alice (Howard) Bestick, both members of old New England families. He was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, and was first employed in the mercantile establishments of Braintree.

Mr. Bestick gained practical experience in a number of occupations before coming to Worcester. He worked in a tack factory; was employed in hardware stores; was with the Gillette Safety Razor Corporation, of Boston, for a number of years, being in charge of its stock and stock-rooms. On September 13, 1912 he accepted the position of purchasing agent for the Heald Machine Company, a post which he has held since that time.

Among Mr. Bestick's non-industrial interests are numbered the Masons, in which fraternity he is a popular figure. He is a member of Delta Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Braintree, Massachusetts; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Boston, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Along the line of his profession, Mr. Bestick is the first president of the Worcester County Purchasing Agents Club; past president of the New England Purchasing Agents Association, of Boston; and past treasurer of the National Purchasing Agents Association. He is also a member, and a past president of the Tatnuck Island Club.

On April 19, 1917, George C. Bestick married Mildred E. Williams, of Weymouth, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Helen Mildred, born September 13, 1918. 2. Myrtle, born August 9, 1920. 3. Paul Robert, born July 13, 1922.

W. LaCOSTE NEILSON—Son of a consulting engineer who in his day made a reputation in the practice of his profession and as an official in steel corporations, W. LaCoste Neilson has achieved a record as an executive of the Norton Company. He is vice-president and general sales manager of the parent company in Worcester, president of Cie des Meules Norton, situated near Paris, France; general manager of Deutsche Norton Gesselschaft, of Cologne, Germany; and an official or a director in all the branches and subsidiaries of the Norton Company. After many years' official residence in European countries, he is one of Worcester's leading residents.

William George Neilson, father of W. LaCoste Neilson, was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Philadelphia College. He became a well-known mining and civil engineer, identified with the founding of many important mining and steel industries. He founded the Standard Steel Works, which eventually became an important unit in the metals industry. He was also officially identified with the Tidewater Steel Company, the Bethlehem Steel Company, the Keystone Drop Forge Works, and the Republic Mining and Manufacturing Company. For a number of years he was vice-president of the National Young Men's Christian Association. He was a founder of the Adirondack Mountain Reserve, and had many other important connections. He died in 1906. His wife, before marriage, was Mary Louise Cunningham, a native of Philadelphia.

W. LaCoste Neilson, son of William George and Mary Louise (Cunningham) Neilson, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1879. He attended Hamilton School, a private institution in Philadelphia, and entered Haverford College, where he graduated Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1901. His *alma mater* later conferred upon him a degree in engineering for practical work done in this field. From college he entered the employ of the Standard Steel Works, remaining there from 1901 to 1906. In the latter year he accepted the superintendency of the Chester Steel Castings Company and so continued until 1907.

He joined the official staff of the Norton Company, May 1, 1907, in the capacity of assistant general sales manager. In 1908 he was advanced to general sales manager, and in 1910 to vice-president. He has since held these two offices in the main, or Worcester, organization. He has been clothed with important powers in being charged with missions that required unusual ability in their discharge. In 1910 he was sent to Germany to manage the recently built plant of the Norton Company at Wesseling near Cologne, known as the Deutsche Norton Gesselschaft. In 1921 he organized and started the French branch, Cie des Meules Norton, in one of the suburban communities near Paris. From 1910 to October, 1922, he made his residence in one or the other countries of Europe, principally in England. In 1931 he was one of a group which organized the English plant of the Norton Company at Welwyn, Garden City, near London.

He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Royal Automobile Club of London, Worcester Club, University Club, Tatnuck Country Club, Worcester Country Club and the Episcopal Church. He has traveled extensively in Europe and the Far East. His chief recreations are mountain-climbing, fishing and golfing.

Mr. Neilson married, October 30, 1907, Dorothy Crawford, and they have two children: 1. William LaCoste, Jr., born February 20, 1909. 2. Alan Crawford, born December 8, 1914. Mr. Neilson has his office at No. 1 New Bond Street, and the family residence is No. 254 Salisbury Street, Worcester.

EDWARD ALFRED BRODEUR—For many years a practitioner of law in Worcester and a participant in local affairs, Edward Alfred Brodeur has served well his city, his State, and his fellowmen. His affiliations with many industrial and civic groups, and especially his understanding of French-Canadians, the race from which he was descended, and of their special requirements, rendered his career of value from its very outset; and so it continues today.

Mr. Brodeur was born in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, on December 16, 1880, son of I. Leonide and Exilda (Gendron) Brodeur. His father was a native of St. Pie, Province of Quebec, Canada, and came to Springfield, Massachusetts, at the age of seventeen years. A barber by trade, the father conducted a shop in Barre, Massachusetts, for forty years. The mother, Mrs. Exilda (Gendron) Brodeur, was born in Beauharnois, Province of Quebec, whence her family removed to Malone, New York; her father was a church sexton. Mr. Brodeur also had three brothers: Wilfred L., general foreman of the Heald Machine Company, of Worcester; William G., a merchant in Barre; and Dr. Armand C. Brodeur, a veterinary surgeon, now deceased.

In the public schools of Spencer and Barre, Edward Alfred Brodeur, of this review, received his early education, being graduated from the Barre High School in 1900. From 1900 to 1903 he was a student at Harvard University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During his school vacation periods, from an early time in his career, he was employed on farms and in stores, in this way earning the money for his college education. But, finishing college, he found himself eager for still higher learning, which he acquired at a professional school. Attending the law school at Harvard, he was graduated in 1906, after overcoming severe handicaps; for he again had to earn his own way, working now in his spare time and saving his money. His strenuous duties prevented him from having much leisure time; but he received his reward for devotion to his duties when he passed his bar examinations, and in 1906 began the active practice of law in Worcester. Here he has since continued in his professional capacity. For a short period he practiced in the office of Taft and Morgan and later was associated with Smith and Gaskill; but since 1908 he has had his own offices in the State Mutual Building.

Mr. Brodeur has figured prominently in civic and social affairs, as well as in a number of large business and industrial enterprises in his city. "I came from the Law School in 1906 to Worcester," as Mr. Brodeur tells the story, "because I thought I needed to develop a practice more quickly than usual and could do it where French-Canadians had settled. The result was a small measure of prosperity, but a very agreeable life. I soon became interested in all French-Canadian activities, shading off into politics and matters of general interest, in and beyond the State; learned to use the French language naturally; made many acquaintances; and took on numbers of presidencies, secretaryships, directorships, campaigning in drives and elections, war work and what not, until the advent of the young family gradually confined my energies to home and law practice.

"Samples of organizations I have belonged to and positions held are: Secretary of Barre Agricultural Fair; town auditor of Barre; the Franco-American Historical Society; secretary and later president of the Worcester group of l'Alliance Française; secretary of the Franco-American Republican Club of Massachusetts; president of the Worcester County Republican Club; member of the city council of Worcester; director and vice-president of l' Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique ten years and president of the four-day convention of its four hundred delegates in 1915; member of the legal advisory board for northern Worcester County during the World War; a founder and treasurer of the Louis Pasteur Hospital, Worcester; and a member of the Worcester Economic Club, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and many others.

"I live on a couple of acres, on the margin of the thickly settled city. There and on a summer-place farm in the hills of Hubbardston, we and our friends find the wild nature and outdoor life we love; and everything is done in French, which we know equally with English. From there I have wandered only for a wedding trip to Louisiana and Cuba, several visits by auto into French Canada and the Saguenay River. Reading history, especially where it concerns race and matters pertaining to government and economics, completes my pastimes."

Mr. Brodeur has consistently maintained his interest in French and Canadian history, following the studies that he has loved from youth, and so maintaining a family allegiance that is most dear to him. He is a member of Notre Dame Church. Into all his activities and affiliations he has regularly put his best energies and his fullest measure of enthusiasm, with the result that he is esteemed and respected by all who knew him and is in a position to render outstanding service to his city, his State, his profession, and his fellowman.

Edward Alfred Brodeur married, November 25, 1919, in Worcester, Albani Amelie Rocheleau, of this city. The children by this marriage have been as follows: 1. Madeleine Albani, who was born on September 18, 1920. 2. Edouard Alfred, Jr., born March 29, 1922. 3. Louis Leonide, born June 9, 1923. 4. Marie Therese, born September 20, 1924. 5. Phebe Exilda, born May 15, 1927. 6. Wilfrid Oscar, born December 12, 1928. The family residence of the Brodeurs is situated at No. 463 Lincoln Street, Worcester; and Mr. Brodeur has his offices at Nos. 612, 613 and 614, State Mutual Building, this city.

JOHN D. CURTIS—For half a century, John D. Curtis was a leading manufacturer of Worcester, Massachusetts, and in the course of that

Edward A. L. Brodeur

period was associated with several important local organizations. These included the Richardson Manufacturing Company, of which he was long vice-president and treasurer.

Mr. Curtis was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 12, 1850, a son of Tyler Prentice and Amelia (Riley) Curtis and a direct descendant of the pioneer ancestor, Henry Curtis, whose son, Ephraim Curtis, was the first settler of Worcester. Tyler Prentice Curtis was born in Worcester on June 16, 1810 and died on June 16, 1896. Amelia (Riley) Curtis was born in Cromwell, Connecticut, a daughter of Calvin and Eunice (Miller) Riley and a descendant of John Riley, who settled in Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1645.

John D. Curtis received his preliminary education in the public schools of Worcester. Following his graduation from Worcester High School, he entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was a member of one of the first classes to be enrolled, and where he was graduated in 1871 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. He began his active career as a draftsman and for two years and a half was employed by the Centennial Commission in charge of the Exhibition held in Philadelphia in 1876. Subsequently he returned to Worcester, became connected with the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company of this city, and was advanced successively to the positions of overseer of the barbed wire department of the company and, later superintendent of the Quinsigamond Works. With the purchase of this corporation by the American Steel and Wire Company, he continued as superintendent for a brief period, but in 1902 resigned to become vice-president of the Richardson Manufacturing Company of Worcester.

The Richardson Manufacturing Company was incorporated in 1870 to take over the business of Alzirus Brown. They became makers of the Buckeye mowing machine, the Union mower, the Bullard hay-tedder and the Whitcomb horse rake—all widely known in their day and some of them still manufacturing along with the company's products to meet the demands of modern industry. From 1902 onward, Mr. Curtis played an important part in the direction of company affairs. His technical training was combined with executive talents of a high order and his opinion on all matters connected with company operations was regarded by his associates with profound respect. In 1911 he also became treasurer of the company, holding this office jointly with the vice-presidency.

Mr. Curtis was a Republican in politics and a member of the Congregational Church. Although he gave his time unremittingly to his business and was thus prevented from playing a more active rôle in public life, he was genuinely interested in civic affairs and heartily supported all worthy community movements.

In June, 1876, Mr. Curtis married Clara Alden Nash of Whitman, daughter of Nathaniel H. and Sarah (Snelser) Nash, the former of Whitman, Massachusetts, and the latter a member of a New Orleans family. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis became the parents of two children: 1. Philip N., (q. v.). 2. Ruth, who was married (first) to Captain Edward Hill and (second) to Charles Baker.

John D. Curtis continued in his own career the fine traditions so long associated with the family name in Worcester. He was respected alike for his accomplishments and for his lifelong devotion to the highest principles of thought and conduct.

PHILIP N. CURTIS—A native son and lifelong resident of Worcester, Philip N. Curtis, the well-known executive of the Baker Box Company, bears a name which occurs often in the early history of Massachusetts. An ancestor was the noted Indian scout, Ephraim. Members of the family were numbered among the first settlers of Worcester, and the father of Mr. Curtis was for many years a prominent manufacturer in the city.

Philip N. Curtis was born May 11, 1881, the son of John D. and Clara A. (Nash) Curtis (q. v.). He received the preliminaries of his education in the public schools of the city, and was graduated from the high school, in 1898. Matriculating at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he was graduated from this important institution with the class of 1902, holding the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering. His subsequent industrial career is divided into two parts. During the first twenty years he was associated with the Richardson Manufacturing Company, serving in several capacities before being made the assistant treasurer of the corporation. In 1923 Mr. Curtis went with the Baker Box Company as its treasurer, a position he has held from that time.

Devotion to business is perhaps the most marked characteristic of Mr. Curtis, but he has found the time and the desire to identify himself with several phases of the community life. In a quiet fashion he has done a great deal to promote the advance of the municipality and the welfare of its citizens. In line with his work he is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Among his clubs are the Worcester and the Tatnuck Country clubs. Reflecting somewhat better of his interests are his memberships in the Lakota Club, and the Woodstock Country Club of Woodstock, Vermont.

On November 24, 1909, Mr. Curtis married Marjorie Whitin, of Northbridge, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: John W., and Marjorie Anne.

ROBERT H. COE—A manufacturer through practically the whole of his business career, Robert H. Coe is president of the Jefferson Manufacturing Company and president and treasurer of the Coe Woolen Company.

Robert H. Coe was born in Worcester, September 9, 1889, son of William H. Coe, a manufacturer, who died in 1929, and of Florence (Jefferson) Coe, who died in 1903. Robert H. Coe received his early education in the public schools of Worcester and then entered Harvard University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911. Almost immediately after the completion of his college course he became associated with the Jefferson Manufacturing Company, which he has served as president for many years. In 1930 he organized the Coe Woolen Company, of which he also became president and treasurer. This company, which is engaged in the manufacture of woolen cloth, has its factory at No. 53 Jackson Street, Worcester, where the company has 50,000 square feet of floor space and employs one hundred and twenty-five men. The business, since its establishment, has grown steadily, and sends its products to all parts of the United States.

Though notably successful in his business activities and recognized as one of the active leaders of industry in Worcester County, Mr. Coe has not confined his interest entirely to his own business

activities. He has always been ready to aid in the various undertakings of the community in which he lives, as well as in county and State projects planned for the general welfare of his fellow-citizens. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War he enlisted and served actively for two years as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, in various divisions, finally receiving his discharge, in 1919, from the Aviation Corps, with which he was then serving. He is a member of several college fraternities and is well known in club circles, being a member of the Worcester Country Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, and the Harvard Club, all of Worcester, and of the Harvard Club of Boston.

Robert H. Coe married, in 1920, Janet Briggs, of Worcester. and they became the parents of five children: 1. Richard F., born October 11, 1923. 2. Elizabeth H., born December 30, 1926. 3. Janet, born April 18, 1928. 4. William H., born April 15, 1929. 5. Roger B., born March 15, 1931.

HARRY JOHN MELESKI—In the professional coterie of Worcester there are a number of younger lawyers, such as Harry John Meleski, attorney-at-law, who, by their devotion to their work and to the projects which make for the betterment of the city, have introduced a new strength and zest to its life and development. He was born at Holyoke, Massachusetts, May 30, 1898, the son of Joseph and Katherine (Warchul) Meleski, both natives of Poland, who migrated to the United States in 1892 and settled at Holyoke. Ten years later the family removed to Worcester, where they have since resided, the father retiring in 1931 after twenty years' service with the Worcester street department.

Harry John Meleski was educated in the city schools, being graduated from high school in 1916. He then matriculated at Clark College, from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1919. Three years later Mr. Meleski was graduated from the Boston University School of Law with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of Worcester County, September 23, 1922, he has since been engaged in a general practice of his profession in Worcester, as the senior partner of the firm of Meleski and Bobblis. During the last decade the firm has won a large clientele, a part of which is from the foreign-born population of the community, and its members are held in high esteem by their colleagues. Mr. Meleski is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association, the Massachusets Bar Association, and the bar associations of Connecticut and Michigan. In 1929 he was appointed a public administrator for the county of Worcester by Governor Frank G. Allen. In 1930 he was appointed special assistant to the United States District Attorney of Massachusetts by Attorney-General Mitchell.

The collegiate preparation of Mr. Meleski for his profession was interrupted, as was that of many young men of the period, by the entrance of the United States into the World War. He joined the American forces, but was still in training at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, when the Armistice was signed. He is a member of the University Club, and is a past president of the Massachusetts Association of Polish-American Political Clubs but prefers personal to formalized activities, to play the rôle of a good citizen and a social being in his own way. He is interested in aviation and less so in sports, but is apt to neglect recreation for business.

WALTER P. CAHILL—The junior in years of many men installed in similar positions, Walter P. Cahill discharges the heavy responsibilities of general superintendent and works manager of Graton and Knight, whose plant in Worcester is one of the largest of its kind in the world. He has risen to these high positions from that of production manager, in which line he had obtained a large experience before coming to the Graton and Knight plant.

Born in Manhattan, New York City, September 10, 1889, Walter P. Cahill is the son of Thomas M. and Joanne (Ryan) Cahill, the former living retired while the latter died in 1919. After passing through the public and parochial schools, he entered the Cathedral Preparatory School, finished his course there, and completed his education at the Pace and Pace Business School. He joined the staff of the Theodore Kuntze Company, sewing Machine cabinet manufacturers, at Cleveland, Ohio, where he obtained an insight into the methods of getting the highest amount of production possible, with economy and efficiency, from any given plant. He later followed a similar employment with the L. L. Harr Company, production engineers. Here intervened his service in the World War as an enlisted man. After that he was with the Charles E. Bedaux Company of New York, Inc., industrial engineers, during 1920-23. In 1923 he came with Graton and Knight Company as assistant general superintendent and in 1928 was made general superintendent and works manager; in these capacities he has immediate supervision of operations, men, equipment and physical properties, of the entire mammoth plant. He is regarded as an expert in his line, an authority on the subjects on which he has written many articles for various magazines. He is well and favorably known to the industrial field of Worcester County and city.

After acceptance for service in the World War, he was assigned to the 3d Field Artillery at Fort Slocum, New York, where he was warranted sergeant-major. He was transferred to Camp Jackson, where he was on duty for some time, and also served on other stations. He is president of the Worcester Lions Club, a member of the Shrewsbury Men's Club and the Westborough Country Club. His religious membership is in the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Cahill married, in 1923, Katherine E. Johnson, of Illinois, and their children are: 1. Henry. 2. Walter P., Jr., born May 28, 1924. 3. Thomas M., born November 16, 1928. Mr. Cahill and his family have their home in Shrewsbury, and his business address is No. 356 Franklin Street, the Worcester office of the Graton and Knight Company.

CHRISTOPHER SCAIFE—A broad and fruitful experience in meeting men and studying conditions in different parts of the world helped lay the foundation of Christopher Scaife's work as an insurance representative, now filling the office

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of manager of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company in Worcester.

Christopher Scaife, son of Frank B. and Sarah (Parkin) Scaife, was born in Worcester, September 28, 1883. Both parents were natives of Sheffield, England; the father died in 1890, the mother passed away in 1915. After completing his public school education, the son, Christopher, identified himself with the Young Men's Christian Association, and with this organization he was actively connected for about twenty years. For the greater part of that period he served as physical director and director of physical education. He was charged with the execution of foreign commissions, which took him to many lands, among which were Siberia, Manchuria, and the Philippines. In connection with his work abroad, he introduced the game of volley ball, in which he is an expert. He is widely known as the author of international rules governing this game, and his name has, therefore, gone throughout the world in those countries where his book has been received and his personal work has become known.

In 1913, when Mr. Scaife was physical director of the Hartford, Connecticut, Young Men's Christian Association, he entered the insurance business for the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of that city. So engrossing did his work in the insurance line become, that he eventually severed his connection with the Young Men's Christian Association and since that time he has devoted all his attention to insurance. The first agency of the Phoenix Mutual in Worcester was opened in 1923, with Harold Reese as the manager. In 1930 he was succeeded by Mr. Scaife, who since has held this office, having jurisdiction of all the territory known as Worcester County.

He is an enthusiastic Republican and for three years was chairman of the Republican City Committee of Worcester. During the World War period he had charge of an army and navy unit for the Young Men's Christian Association. He is affiliated with Rose of Sharon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and also holds membership in the Economic Club and Rotary Club, while his religious fellowship is with the Congregational Church.

Mr. Scaife married, in 1906, Edith B. Fernald, a native of Massachusetts, and they have a daughter, Mona, born April 7, 1909, a graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School and a student at Wheaton College. Mr. Scaife's business address is No 332 Main Street, which is the Phoenix Mutual Life Agency, and the family home is at No. 5 Coombs Road, Worcester.

WILLIAM H. GATES, SR., who was the organizer, treasurer and manager of the Baldwin Chain Manufacturing Company of Worcester, was a native of Worcester, born May 12, 1858, son of Larkin Newton and Mary (Crocker) Gates. After attending the public schools of his city, he prepared for college at Phillips-Andover, matriculated at Williams College, and became a lawyer. After being admitted to the bar of Worcester County he practiced his profession and gave every evidence of being on the road to remarkable achievements in legal circles. He turned, however, aside to enter manufacturing and rose to great heights as an industrial executive. In 1896 Mr. Gates founded the Baldwin Chain and Manufacturing Company, since which time he had been treasurer and manager, and devoted his time exclusively to this corporation until his death. The company at first manufactured a detachable bicycle chain in a factory on Vine Street, and in 1897 removed to Hermon Street, in the Union Meter Building. Soon afterward he extended the business in various directions, adding one after another of various specialties. In 1900 the company began to make block drive chains for automobiles, and they were adopted by the Stanley Brothers and other manufacturers. Afterward Mr. Gates developed the roller-bearing chain, the first of the kind made in this country and now in general use in automobiles, tractors—the first tractor marketed by the International Harvester used one of the company's productions—and auto-trucks and in many kinds of stationary machinery. Afterward he added the manufacture of sprockets for power transmutation and in this field the Baldwin Company stood supreme; and from time to time increased the variety of chains produced. The business increased steadily and the factory accommodations have been repeatedly enlarged. In 1906 the business was removed to No. 199 Chandler Street. After the World War began, the plant was taxed to its capacity and was operated night and day and additions were built as rapidly as possible. The regular force is now four hundred hands. A new five-story building of large dimensions on Hygeia Street has been added to its capacity. This marvelous growth was made in the lifetime of Mr. Gates and it was directly due to his indefatigable labors, his undismayed courage, and his ability to choose and inspire capable executives, such as William F. Cole, A. W. Warren, H. Klaucke, and William H. Gates, Jr., who joined the company in 1918. As new requirements in chain drives were revealed in 1925 the present large plant was built. In 1931 there was a consolidation of the Baldwin Corporation with the Duckworth Chain Company, of Springfield, Massachusetts, under the title of The Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Corporation, with George Empsall, president; W. F. Cole, vice-president; F. I. Weschler, treasurer and general manager; and William H. Gates, Jr., director and production manager. The Baldwin Chain and Manufacturing Company is now among the largest concerns manufacturing chains and sprockets. In 1926 Mr. Gates, Sr., died and the others carried on the great business.

Mr. Gates, in October, 1889, married Sophia Alicia Fay, and they were the parents of five children: 1. Helen Fay, graduate of Worcester High School and Smith College, who is the wife of Seth Marchall Fetchet. 2. Mildred Crocker, who supplemented her high school education with violin study under a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and is the wife of Donald B. Wheeler. 3. Alice Wilhelmina, graduate of the Worcester High School and the Art Museum of Worcester, who spent two years in Europe studying sculpture and painting in Edinburgh and Paris. 4. William H., Jr., whose biography accompanies this sketch. 5. Olive, graduate of Vassar College and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and studied in the Medical Department of Yale University, who is now a pathologist with the Huntington Hospital and State Clinic for Cancer Analysis at Boston.

Mr. Gates was a member of the National Metal Trade Association, and an important figure in its proceedings, serving as president of the Worcester branch for two years. Among his clubs were the Commonwealth and the Worcester Country Club. He commanded respect wherever he was, and was held in the highest esteem and affection by his associates in business.

WILLIAM H. GATES, JR., was born in Worcester, January 23, 1898. He attended the local public schools including Worcester High School, and was graduated from Phillips-Andover Academy in 1918. He also had a year's training in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in further preparation for his industrial work. During the latter part of the period when he was gaining an education he was employed in the Baldwin plant summers, and was thus prepared to make his way rapidly. Neither personal influence nor any letting down of the standards which applied to all workmen of the company affected Mr. Gates' rise in the company. He learned the making of chains, from the simplest to the most elaborate operation, and was promoted as deserved. He served throughout all the positions up to and including superintendent, and also served in different executive offices before being made production manager and purchasing agent. These are regarded as the most responsible positions in the plant. As such, and also as a director of the present merged concerns, the Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Corporation, Mr. Gates, Jr., has been most successful. Like his father he is a member of the National Metal Trades Association. He is a natural leader of men, and those associated with him not only give him their respect and admiration but have a genuine affection for him.

In October, 1922, William H. Gates, Jr., married Alice M. Keating, of Worcester, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Barbara Anne, born April 8, 1924. 2. Marie Louise, born September 16, 1926. 3. William Herbert, born April 2, 1929.

PAUL E. SOULLIERE—Owner and executive head of the insurance firm of Brown and Soulliere, Paul E. Soulliere has been active in this field during the past sixteen years and is one of the leading insurance men of Worcester.

He was born in this city on August 3, 1889, a son of John N. and Mary Emma (Langlois) Soulliere, of Worcester. His father, who died in February, 1918, was an active figure in local real estate circles and served for a number of years as alderman at large.

Paul E. Soulliere was educated in local public schools and, following graduation from high school, entered the employ of the "Telegram-Gazette," where he served as a linotype operator until 1916. In that year he went into the insurance business in Worcester under his own name and in 1925 bought out the Edwin E. Brown agency, which he has since continued under the name of Brown and Soulliere. Mr. Soulliere was also the organizer and founder of the Commercial Acceptance Corporation, of which he is president and treasurer. He has been very successful in business life and is widely known throughout the Worcester section.

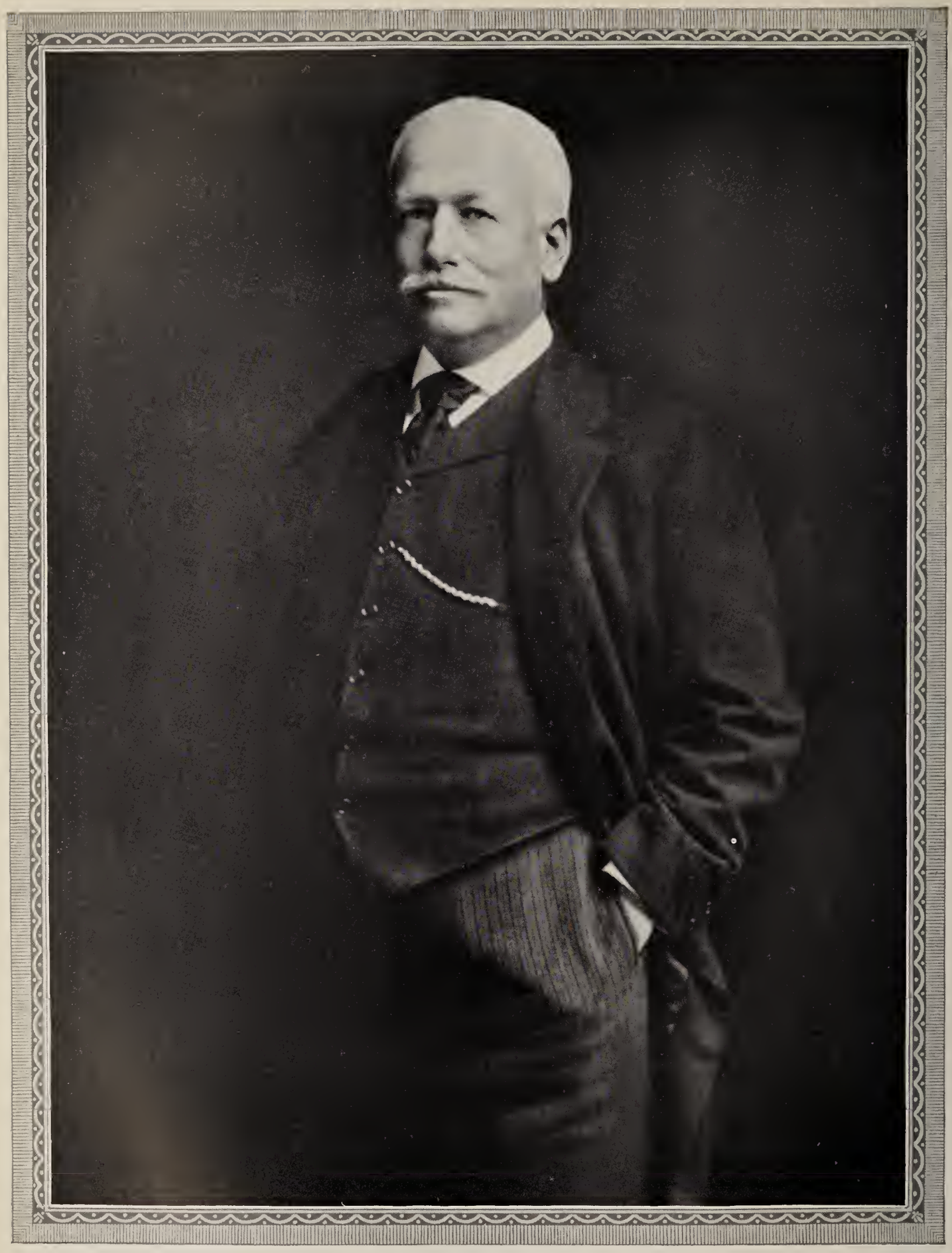
Apart from his business interests, Mr. Soulliere is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Foresters and the Cércle Française. He is also a member of the Harmony Club, the Wachusett Country Club, the local Chamber of Commerce, the Société St. Jean Baptiste, the Underwriters Association, and Post No. 5, American Legion. After the entry of the United States into the World War, he enlisted in the Navy, serving with the grade of chief petty officer for the Third District. Mr. Soulliere is a Roman Catholic in religious faith, being a member of Notre Dame Church at Worcester. He is very prominent in French circles of the city and is personally acquainted with a large number of Worcester people.

In 1920, Paul E. Soulliere married Corona F. Belisle, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Paul E., Jr., born on August 30, 1921. 2. Jeanne M., born on July 31, 1926.

G. ADOLPH JOHNSON—Worcester is noted for having a coterie of architects which has few superiors in New England, and in this group G. Adolph Johnson ranks among the best. He not only has the technical training required of his exacting profession, but is gifted with the natural abilities which are required for success. He is a native of Worcester, born September 9, 1889, son of John A. and Christina (Fors) Johnson, both of whom came from Sweden in 1884 and settled in Worcester. The father was for some years a superintendent in a steel mill. Both parents are now dead.

G. Adolph Johnson was educated in the grade schools of his birthplace and was graduated from English High School with the class of 1907. He then went to Washington, District of Columbia, to study architectural design in the Atelier Glen Brown, returning to Worcester to be associated with George H. Clemence for about a year. Mr. Johnson accepted a position as an instructor in drawing in the Worcester Trade School, meanwhile carrying on his profession and professional studies. During the period when the United States was involved in the World War, he was in the governmental service department for the rehabilitation of disabled soldiers, being stationed at Camp Devens, Boston, Worcester and Chicago. In this work he continued during the years 1918, 1919 and 1920. While located at Chicago, he entered Armour Institute and took post-graduate work in architecture.

In 1922 Mr. Johnson returned to Worcester once more and since that time has practiced his profession with this city as his headquarters and home. He was the architect of the Calvary Lutheran Church, Worcester; the office building for the Florence Oil Stove Company, at Gardner; factory building for the Hedstrom Union Company, also of Gardner; the parish house for the First Swedish Methodist Church, Worcester; a dormitory for Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota; the Billings Square Library, Worcester; Junior High School of the same city; and many other structures. In passing it may be mentioned that in the competition for a Massachusetts State War Memorial for erection at Boston, Mr. Johnson won the first prize. Among his professional associations are the Society of Architects of Worcester, of which he is vice-president, and the Worcester Engineering Society, in which he is a member of the executive board.



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Mr. Johnson has the variety and breadth of interests which often go with the artistic and creative temperament. Fraternally, he is affiilated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all the bodies of Masonry up to and including the thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Wachusett Country Club and the Kiwanis Club, and is the president of the Worcester Chapter of the American-Scandanivian Foundation. In politics he has been prominent, not because of any particular desire to play the game, but because he has been sought to do things publicly by those who had faith in his abilities. Mr. Johnson was a member of the city council in 1924-1925-26. He was also a member of the Massachusetts Legislature during 1927 and 1928. Among his business connections he is a director of the Skandia Bank and Trust Company; and he is a trustee of the Fairlawn Hospital. His church is the Methodist Episcopal.

On October 28, 1914, G. Adolph Johnson married Signe C. Thorn, of Worcester.

BARNARD, SUMNER AND PUTNAM COMPANY—More than a century ago, or in 1830, when Worcester was a town of about five thousand souls, Lysander Clark and Charles Brooks started a mercantile business which is now familiarly known as Barnard-Sumner. This important store swung into its second century under the guidance of Edward Prentice Sumner, president; William J. Jamieson, vice-president and general manager; and Frank J. Knowlton, secretary and treasurer. The review, here attempted, is in brief an outline in the changes of ownership of the company, and thumb-nail biographies of the present management. Clark and Brooks were not burdened with any great ambitions and certainly did not vision a store such as now exists, nor, for that matter, the city which now has developed. One of the chief competitors of the partners was one Henry Chamberlain, a clerk who had bought out his employer and had built up a good trade in lumber and West Indian goods. Mr. Chamberlain came to the two and suggested that they join forces; in 1834 this was done, and Mr. Chamberlain became the head of the former Clark and Brooks concern. A few years later two clerks were employed by Chamberlain, Lewis Barnard and George Sumner, and both proved so valuable that they were taken into the firm. In 1857 Mr. Chamberlain retired and the establishment became Barnard, Sumner and Putnam, the last named also being a former clerk. In 1881 Frederick A. Hawes was admitted into partnership and in 1911 had become the president. In 1929 the present management was elected, every official of which had been, throughout all their business careers, connected with this oldest mercantile establishment of Worcester.

EDWARD PRENTICE SUMNER, president of Barnard, Sumner and Putnam, is a native of Worcester, born January 18, 1866, the son of George and Sarah E. (Richardson) Sumner, the first mentioned of whom was one of the early partners of the company. Edward Prentice Sumner was educated under private tutors and in the Worcester public schools. While still a youth he became associated with his father in the Barnard-Sumner establishment and has so continued ever since.

Mr. Sumner, in 1890, married Bertha L. Perry, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Katherine, now the wife of E. V. Hill and the mother of a daughter, Frances H. 2. Frances, who married John W. LaSalle and is the mother of four children: Katherine, Elizabeth, Sonia, and John W., Jr.

FRANK J. KNOWLTON, secretary and treasurer, of Barnard, Sumner and Putnam, was born at Holden, Worcester County, on February 7, 1869, son of Frederick and Caroline E. (Burnett) Knowlton. After his school days were over he entered the employ of Barnard, Sumner and Putnam and has been connected with the business all his mature life. He has run the whole gamut of the work in the establishment and is never compelled to ask any employee to do something that he does not know how to do himself. He has held his present offices since the reorganization of the company in 1929. Equal with his devotion to the business has been his devotion to his church, the Holden Congregational, in which he has held about every office possible.

In 1894, Mr. Knowlton married Agnes E. Babb, and they have a daughter, Helen I., wife of Charles W. Llewellyn.

WILLIAM J. JAMIESON, a native son of Worcester, is the vice-president of Barnard, Sumner and Putnam, and its vigorous general manager. He was born October 15, 1886, his father being Thomas H. Jamieson and his mother the former Mary Riddell, both natives of Glasgow, Scotland. After attending the public schools, he began his business career with Barnard, Sumner and Putnam and rose step by step through various posts, until he was chosen to take his present responsible position in 1929. He is a man of varied interests, civic, social and religious. Besides his prominence in the present establishment, he is a trustee of the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank and is financially interested in other industries. He is a popular figure in the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Kiwanis Club. He is the president and one of the organizers of the Holden District Hospital and is chairman of the financial board of the town of Holden and identified closely with its growth and prosperity. Golf is his chief out-of-door recreation which he plays as a member of the Whitinsville Golf Club. He is also a member of the Worcester Economic Club and an official in the Holden Congregational Church. Fraternally, Mr. Jamieson is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Chapter, Council and Commandery. During the World War period he served on many of the committees, and was one of the leaders in the Liberty Loan, Red Cross and other "drives" of that strenuous time.

William J. Jamieson married, in 1910, Helen B. Brierly, of Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: Dorothy W. and Phoebe Ann.

CHARLES GRENFILL WASHBURN—As an industrial and political leader, lawyer, author and traveler, former Congressman Charles Grenfill Washburn, late of Worcester, brought to his

native State of Massachusetts in particular and to the country generally the gifts of a trained mind, a patriotic spirit and a multiform service. Known to many as "the friend of Presidents," he also numbered among his former colleagues and associates those who had been his fellow-members in legislative bodies, and among his close friends members of numerous societies. He had read and traveled widely, and from his rich fund of information, gathered through practice, research and observation, he contributed much of value to the literature of his time, and lectured constructively on various subjects. He was born in Worcester, January 28, 1857, a son of Charles Francis and Mary Elizabeth (Whiton) Washburn. From the public schools of his native city he entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he graduated in 1875 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and at Harvard College he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at graduation in 1880. He next studied law and was admitted to the bar in Suffolk County in 1886.

His industrial career began in 1880, when he established the business since known as the Wire Goods Company, No. 28 Union Street, Worcester. In 1882 he became treasurer and manager of the Worcester Barbed Wire Fence Company, which afterward was sold to the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company. From 1884 to 1891 he was active in the management of the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company, and for part of the time was a director of the corporation. As one of the three trustees of the estate of Horatio N. Slater, of Webster, he was a factor in the management of the cotton and woolen mills of S. Slater and Sons, of Webster, from 1899 to 1913. During his term as trustee, the Slater Building, the second modern office building to be erected in Worcester, was built by the estate. His legal training and extensive business experience as a manufacturer admirably fitted him for the administration of this great trust.

Mr. Washburn, in early middle life, entered politics with the zest and leadership that characterized his earlier business and legal activities. He represented his district in the General Court of Massachusetts in 1897 and 1898, serving his first term on the committee on mercantile affairs, and in his second as chairman of the committee on taxation. In the following year he was State Senator, serving two terms, 1899 and 1900. He took a prominent part in legislation. He was appointed in 1902 a member of the special committee to revise the corporation laws of the Commonwealth, of which subject he had made a special study. For many years he was one of the most influential leaders of the Republican party in Massachusetts. When Theodore Roosevelt was nominated for President, in 1904, he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention and the member from this State of the committee to notify the nominee. He was also a delegate from Massachusetts to the Republican National Convention in 1916. He was elected for the unexpired term of Rockwood Hoar in the second session of the Fifty-ninth Congress in November, 1906, and served with distinction on the committees on patents, insular affairs and interstate and foreign commerce. He was reëlected to the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Congresses, and retired with a record of notable achievement.

He was a classmate and intimate friend of Theodore Roosevelt in Harvard University, and a close personal friend of President Taft and President Coolidge. Few men of his day had so great an opportunity to know the inside history of government and to observe what made the political machinery run. He was exceedingly well informed concerning history and current events and of the men who made history. Gifted with a trenchant pen, he wrote enlighteningly on many subjects, contributing frequently to magazines and other periodicals on politics, government, history and biography In his earlier days he studied and understood the history and development of Worcester and particularly its industries. The book he published in 1917, "Industrial Worcester," is today regarded as the best authority on the subject for the period it covers. Mr. Washburn also compiled, in 1916, one of the best biographies of Theodore Roosevelt. Among his later works are: "Worcester Manufacturing and Mechanical Industries," published in 1887; "Catholic Church Claims in the Philippine Islands," 1908; "Government Control of Corporations and Conventions," 1912; "Parting of the Ways, A Question to be Decided by the American People," 1919; "Biography of Henry Cabot Lodge," 1925; "The Life of John W. Weeks," "Address upon Our Relations with the Philippines," 1926; "History of a Statute, the Sherman Anti-trust Law of 1890," 1927.

Although a man constantly engaged in activities of national import, Mr. Washburn was genuinely proud of his native city, and was foremost in contributing to its advancement and the welfare of its people. No worthy movement looking to the improvement of the state of the unfortunate ever lacked his hearty help. While a leader in organized charity, he was much inclined to take a personal interest in those who needed assistance and in an almost secret way to give and do what he thought beneficial. He took a special interest in the work of the American National Red Cross and was president of the Worcester branch of that organization, which during time of war, especially during the World War, contributed its full quota of funds and materials. He was president of the board of trustees of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and for many years one of the most popular and substantial friends of that institution. He was a director in the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and the Wire Goods Company of Worcester. He was a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society and the American Antiquarian Society, and a delegate to the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention of 1917. He was a member of the Worcester Historical Society, St. Wulstan Society, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association, Worcester Economic Club, Worcester County Fish and Game Association, Worcester County Republican Club, Worcester Club, Commercial Travelers Association, Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Players Club of Worcester, Tatnuck Country Club, Harvard Club, of Worcester; Union Club, of Boston; Century Club, of New York; University Club, of New York; Metropolitan Club, of Washington; and Point Judith Country Club. He was a communicant of All Saints Protestant Episcopal Church, Worcester, and one of its wardens.

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Mr. Washburn married, April 25, 1889, Caroline Vinton Slater, daughter of Horatio N. Slater, of Webster, and great-granddaughter of Samuel Slater, founder of the Slater Mills and the town of Webster. Her father was for a long time the head of S. Slater and Sons. Children: 1. Elizabeth, died in infancy. 2. Slater (q. v.). 3. Charles Francis, born May 10, 1898, died December 19, 1902. 4. Philip, born October 4, 1899, died July 11, 1910. 5. Esther Vinton, born August 10, 1902, now Mrs. Albert H. Crosby, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Washburn's home is on Elm Street, Worcester, and she has a summer residence in Princeton and in Narragansett.

Ex-Congressman Washburn's death, which occurred on May 25, 1928, was a serious loss to the city of Worcester and the many friends and interests to which he was attached. His life was filled with a real and lasting service, for which he shall be long remembered.

COLONEL SLATER WASHBURN—A distinguished career in the World War, overseas and at American posts, followed by excellent and constructive service in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for several terms, constitute part of the important record of Colonel Slater Washburn, a director of the Washburn Company, one of the leading industrial organizations of the State.

Born at Princeton, Massachusetts, August 5, 1896, Slater Washburn is a son of Charles Grenfill and Caroline Vinton (Slater) Washburn. He attended the Groton School from 1909 to 1916 and prepared for college. Three years of study at Harvard University were completed at graduation in the class of 1920 of which he was the class orator, when he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During the summers of 1915 and 1916 he was a member of the reportorial staff of the "Worcester Evening Gazette." In 1919 he went to work as a reporter on the "Worcester Telegram and Gazette" and thus served this paper until 1921. Since the latter year he has been associated with the Washburn Company, of which he was elected a director in 1932.

His interesting military record dates from April 9, 1917, when, as a student at Harvard College, he enlisted for the World War and was assigned to Battery C, 101st Field Artillery, 26th Division. He was in the foreign service from September 9, 1917, to August 4, 1918. From February 4, 1918, to July 22, 1918, he saw active service at the front —Soissons, Toul and Chateau-Thierry. On July 22, 1918, he was transferred to the United States as an instructor, after having been gassed in action, July 15, 1918, at Chateau-Thierry. He served as sergeant-instructor in the machine gun school at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, whence he was transferred to the Officers Training School at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, where he was on duty when discharged with honor, December 3, 1918.

He was commissioned second lieutenant of infantry in the United States Reserve Force, January 4, 1919. On November 26, 1920, with the reorganization of the National Guard, he was commissioned a captain in the 3d Field Artillery in the Massachusetts National Guard, which became the 181st Infantry. He was promoted to major in the 181st Infantry, September 14, 1921. In the same regiment he also served as regimental machine gun officer. Transferred May 11, 1923, to headquarters of the 52d Infantry Brigade, he served as brigade executive officer. In 1925 he served as acting divisional machine gun officer in the 26th Division. He was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the Massachusetts National Guard, May 25, 1926. On July 13, 1926, he was assigned as assistant chief of staff G-1, 26th Division. He was retired as a colonel of the Massachusetts National Guard, July 2, 1928. He is affiliated with the American Legion, Military Order of the World War, Veterans of Foreign Wars, YD Club of Boston, and Army and Navy Club of Boston.

Colonel Washburn's political career began in 1920 when he entered the Worcester City Council. He was Republican floor leader in 1921 and president of the council in 1922. In the latter year he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives and from 1923 to 1930 served on the committee on ways and means. He was a member of the committee on rules in 1925-28, a member of the Massachusetts St. Mihiel Memorial Commission in 1925-30, and a member of the recess committee on reciprocal insurance in 1924. He retired from the House at the expiration of his term in 1930. He is a member of the Massachusetts Republican Club and the Worcester County Republican Club.

He is a member of the Tennis and Racquet Club, of Boston, Tatnuck Country Club, Worcester Club, Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, the Dunes Club of Narragansett, Rhode Island, and Rear Commodore of the New England Outboard Motorboat Association. He is a member of All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church, Worcester. Baseball, squash racquets and yachting are his principal sports.

Colonel Washburn married, August 10, 1918, at Princeton, Massachusetts, Beulah McClellan, daughter of Arthur D. and Florence (Armsby) McClellan. Their children are: 1. Beulah Washburn, 2d, born July 17, 1919. 2. Caroline Slater Washburn, born October 12, 1921. 3. Anne Marie Washburn, born October 28, 1923. 4. Charles G. Washburn, 2d, born April 3, 1926. The Worcester address of the Washburn family is 42 Elm Street, and their summer home is "The Dunes," at Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island.

THOMAS L. NELSON—For over thirty years a member of the Worcester County bar, Thomas L. Nelson is a well-known figure in legal circles of Worcester. He is engaged chiefly in the practice of real estate law and the examination of titles, possessing an authoritative knowledge of this entire field.

Mr. Nelson was born at Worcester on August 22, 1873, a son of Thomas L. and Louisa A. (Slocum) Nelson. He received his preliminary education in local public schools and, following his graduation from Worcester High School in 1893, attended Worcester Polytechnic for two years. Meanwhile he decided upon a legal career and accordingly began the study of law in the office of Herbert Parker, attorney-general of Massachusetts. He was admitted to the bar in 1898 and has been engaged in practice at Worcester since that time. During the past twenty years he has confined his activities almost entirely to the field of real estate

law, in which he enjoys a wide reputation. Mr. Nelson is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association.

On November 19, 1927, Thomas L. Nelson married Mary E. Crowther, of Worcester County, Massachusetts, and they have one son, Thomas Leverett, Jr. The residence of the family is maintained at Northboro, where Mr. Nelson owns a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, of which fifteen are set out in fruit trees. His home there, which was built in 1727, is the second oldest house now standing in Northboro. Mr. Nelson finds his chief recreation in his farm.

CLARENCE J. ABBOTT—A trained electrical engineer, Clarence J. Abbott is well known to the people of Worcester for his connection with their efficient telephone service and his identification with the civic, commercial and social life of the city. For a quarter of a century he has been the manager of the local exchange, directing its affairs during a period of its greatest growth. As said an editorial: "He was personally known to thousands of subscribers for his courteous and painstaking attention to their telephone problems and troubles," which to the average person is of more import than his ability as a business manager and in the administration of the affairs of an organization of such extensive ramification. He was a popular figure in his clubs and other societies. The out-of-doors furnished him some of his pleasantest recreations whether with a gun or simply in the collecting of plants and shrubs from the woods. Mr. Abbott was born in Newtonville, June 15, 1872, and died on February 16, 1932.

He was the son of John Everett and Sarah (Everett) Abbott, members of families old in the annals of New England. His preliminary education was that furnished by the local schools, and he was graduated from Newton High School, in 1891. After attending a business college at Boston, he became associated with the Thomson-Houston Company, at the Lynn plant, where he completed his education as an electrician. He remained with this company, now better known as the General Electric Company, and went to many sections of the United States, installing electrical equipment. At one time he went abroad and assisted in the building of the electric street railway at Le Havre, France, the first road of its kind in that country. He was with the Mather Electric Company of Boston later and then was for a year an electrician on the Massachusetts training ship, "Enterprise."

Mr. Abbott, on April 1, 1895, became associated with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, at Boston, engaged in installing central offices, switchboards and apparatus. Promotion came rapidly, and he was successively manager of the local offices at East Boston, Jamaica Plain, Dorchester and Brookline. On September 1, 1906, he came to Worcester as manager, a post he held for twenty-six years. The increase in numbers and efficiency of telephones, and the extension of service, during this quarter century was very great, and to Mr. Abbott goes the credit for the manner in which this was carried out. To quote from a newspaper account of his life: "In 1906, the local exchange had 7,500 subscribers. He saw it grow to more than 45,000. The exchange, in 1908, required only a part of the old building at Mechanic and Norwich streets, which was then only three stories high. Under his management the exchanges multiplied; the immense building on Elm Etreet was built and the service converted to the automatic system. The increase in toll service and calls was at a vastly greater ratio even than the increase in local instruments. There were great crises which had to be met. The first was the fire which wrecked the telephone building in 1914, the second the ice storm which wrecked the system and the toll connections excepting such as were underground. The recovery in each instance was unbelievably rapid, and in this Mr. Abbott played no unimportant part."

Mr. Abbott was always a very busy man, and more inclined to devote any spare time to home and family than to organized activities. He was thoroughly devoted to the best interests of Worcester and contributed greatly to its advancement and prosperity. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Masons, as a member of Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He was also a member of the Commonwealth and Rotary clubs. He knew the country round about the city as few men of his time did, for he had tramped with rod and gun or as a nature lover. He liked gardening, and many of the plants he cultivated were taken by him from their native haunts in the fields and forests to form a cherished "memory garden." At one time he was something of a big game hunter and had shot in the wild parts of several of our states.

Mr. Abbott, on June 15, 1897, married Josephine Eppler, daughter of Andrew and Josephine (Martin) Eppler, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott were the parents of a son, Clarence J. Abbott, and a daughter, Mrs. Russell L. Norton, of Framingham.

JOHN H. WEINHEIMER—There are many thousand citizens of Massachusetts who are, without knowing it, deeply indebted to John H. Weinheimer, now of Worcester, for the part he played in giving them a more nearly perfect telephone service. Nearly all his mature life he has been identified with the telegraph and telephone systems, for the most part in an official capacity. He has had more troubles poured in his ear than have a hundred mothers, and he has had more duties to perform than can be counted. But he knows his business, has the temper and the temperament for his job, and is recognized as among the first rank of telephone managers in New England. He is the son of John and Harriet (Van Schaick) Weinheimer, both natives of Upper New York State, the first having been born at Syracuse and the latter at Amsterdam. The son, John H., was born in Syracuse, New York, November 24, 1886, and was educated in the public schools of that city and of Somerville, Massachusetts.

While still a lad, Mr. Weinheimer left school, entered the employ of the American Express Company at Somerville, and continued at this work for four years. He then was a traveling salesman for a year and in December, 1908, became associated with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company as bookkeeper in the auditor's office. This marked the beginning of his career in the telephone business, which, before it brought him to Worcester, carried him to many parts of New England and gave him an experience in nearly all

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phases of wire communication. In 1910 he went to the contract department, as contract agent; in 1912 he was stationed at Bar Harbor, Maine, as manager. In 1913 he returned to Boston, the Metropolitan division, and two years later he became an assistant district manager. In 1918 he went with the American Red Cross Society for war service at Washington, District of Columbia, and in 1919 returned once more to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company as office manager with the general commercial manager. The following year he was District Manager in the Metropolitan division, a post he held until 1924, when he was assigned to Springfield as District Manager. Two years later he was again back in Boston, as the Central District Manager, and in 1927 he was made General Sales Manager for the company. In 1929 Mr. Weinheimer was made General Commercial Engineer of the corporation, and in 1929 came to Worcester, Massachusetts, as the District Manager, a position he now fills. This district comprises some fifty exchanges, and there are four managers covering most of Worcester County, who report to him at the Worcester office.

It is needless to point out that Mr. Weinheimer is a very busy man and that Worcester is fortunate in having a man of his ability and experience in charge of its telephone system. He has found little time to indulge actively in many other interests. He is a popular figure in the Rotary Club, is a member of the board of governors of the Safety Council, and the Chamber of Commerce. His recreations are camping and fishing. He is a quiet, efficient promoter of the progress of his adopted city and his company.

In 1911, Mr. Weinheimer married (first) Margaret Russell, who died in Springfield, May 31, 1926, and was the mother of three children: 1. Dorothy, born December 4, 1913. 2. Eleanor, born November 18, 1915. 3. John, born June 4, 1923. He married (second) Mildred McLean, of Boston, and they are the parents of a son, Paul, born in Worcester May 15, 1930.

WILLIAM E. BRANSFIELD—A retired professional baseball player, William E. Bransfield, a native son of Worcester, is highly respected and honored in this city, of which he is a resident. He has many friends and extensive social, civic and fraternal affiliations, and his position is one of very high regard.

Mr. Bransfield was born on January 7, 1875, in Worcester, son of Thomas and Mary (Harrington) Bransfield, of this city, both of whom are now deceased. In the public schools, he received his early education, and his first work was in the iron moulding trade, in which he served an apprenticeship. From boyhood he was remarkably gifted as a baseball player, however, playing in the semi-professional ranks even in his younger days. In 1898 he was signed by the Boston National League Club and farmed out for two years. In 1900 he was sold to the Worcester Club of the Eastern League. In 1901 he was sold to the Pittsburgh Nationals, with whom he played first base until 1905. In 1901, 1902 and 1903 they won the National League pennant and played the first World's Series ever attempted. In 1905 he was sold to the Philadelphia Nationals, remaining with them thereafter until 1911. In 1912 he played with the Chicago Cubs, and during the season injured his knee in such a way as to end his active playing days. Later in that same year he went to Montreal in the International League, managing that team through the rest of the season and continuing the work through 1913 and 1914. In 1915 he accepted a post as umpire in the Eastern League; in 1916 took a corresponding position in the International League; and in 1917 was umpire in the National League. Retiring, then, for two years, he again served the Eastern League as umpire in 1919, 1920, and 1921, and in 1922 and 1923 was a scout for the Chicago Cubs. From 1924 to 1926 he acted as manager of the Waterbury Club, in the Eastern League, winning the pennant for them in 1924 and 1925. In 1927 he managed the Hartford team in the same league, and from 1928, through the 1930 season, served the Boston Braves as a scout.

In 1930 came his formal retirement from a career in which he had won a host of friends and had earned the respect of everyone associated with the baseball profession and the inseparable nickname, "Kitty" Bransfield. He had thirty-two years of continuous activity in the game and had come to be widely and favorably known. In his playing days he acquired a reputation that even now makes his name one of the first importance when famous first basemen are being spoken of. He was without a peer in his days in the big league.

Throughout life Mr. Bransfield has taken a deep interest in the affairs of his native city, county and State, and Worcester has been the gainer from his manifold efforts in the city's behalf. Particularly has fraternal association interested him. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and active in the work of the order. In civic activities he stands at the forefront among the people of Worcester, being always ready to do what he can for the advancement of others. He was a member of the Church of the Ascension, of the Roman Catholic faith, and in his political attitude was an independent. Each of the organizations and activities with which he has affiliated himself has benefited from his participation, and he himself has come to be esteemed and trusted by his contemporaries. In his spare time, since his retirement from professional baseball, he particularly enjoys wrestling and boxing matches, which he attends frequently. His sports knowledge is extensive and is often drawn upon by those who are his friends and associates.

William E. Bransfield married, in December, 1908, Lucy Hoy, of Worcester. They became the parents of four children, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Bernice who was born in 1920. Mrs. Bransfield is also deceased, having passed from this life in 1923.

The Bransfield residence, in Worcester, is situated at No. 96 Vernon Street.

EDWIN HENRY MARBLE—The first record of a textile machine manufactured in Worcester is of 1811, when William Hovey contrived a novel device for shearing the nap, or fuzz, and long fibres from woolen fabrics. This machine, in constantly improved forms, was constructed by succeeding concerns until 1831, when the firm making it was known as John Simmons and Company, of which Albert Curtis was a partner. In 1853 Mr. Curtis was the sole owner of the plant. In 1845 Edwin Tyler Marble, father of the subject of this review, served his three years' apprenticeship in

this shop, learning the machinist's trade. He later worked in a number of Worcester machine shops including A. and F. Thayer, Thayer, Houghton and Company, E. C. Cleveland and Company, as journeyman, foreman and superintendent. In 1863 he became a partner of Mr. Curtis to form the firm of Curtis and Marble, manufacturers of machinery for finishing woolen, silk and cotton fabrics. The plant, at that time, was on the present site of the electric light power station. In April, 1895, Mr. Marble purchased the interest of Mr. Curtis, reorganized and incorporated a company, known as the Curtis and Marble Machinery Company, capitalized at $75,000, with Edwin T. Marble as president, a post he held to the time of his death, in 1910. Since that time the corporation has been run by his four sons, with Edwin H. Marble, president; William C. Marble, vice-president and secretary; Charles F. Marble, treasurer; and Albert C. Marble, superintendent. The plant turns out machinery for use in textile mills and similar factories, specializing in picking, burring and mixing machines for handling the fibres and handling woolens, and cloth finishing machinery for cotton, woolen, worsted and felt goods, velvets, plushes, corduroys, silks, embroideries, carpets, rugs and mats. The services of about two hundred and fifty employees are required; the plant now occupies several acres of floor space, and their products are sent to all parts of the globe. It is the oldest under one family, and the largest company manufacturing textile finishing machinery in the world.

Edwin H. Marble, president of the Curtis and Marble Machinery Company, is the son of Edwin T. and Harriet Hamilton (Chase) Marble and was born in Worcester, May 4, 1853. His father was born in Sutton, August 18, 1827, the son of Royal Tyler and Anna B. (Clement) Marble, the former of whom died in Worcester, July 3, 1910. Royal Tyler Marble was of the sixth generation of the American family of that time, was born in Sutton, March 13, 1797, and died in Worcester, October 13, 1861. He was a farmer of unusual attainments, winning many prizes for his high-bred cattle. He was a lieutenant of the 5th Regiment, 1st Brigade, 6th Division, commissioned September 20, 1828, and was promoted to captain of the Sutton Rifles, August 7, 1830. He married Anna Bailey Clement, daughter of Moses and Sarah (Bailey) Clement of Worcester. The lineage goes back through Royal Tyler Marble of the fifth generation, Andrew Marble of the fourth, Malachi Marble of the third, to Freegrace Marble, one of the original granters of Sutton, and to the founder of the American family, Samuel Marble, of English Puritan ancestry. The members of the long line have been remarkable in their contributions to the industries of Massachusetts.

Edwin H. Marble, of the eighth generation, was educated in the Worcester public schools and was graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with the class of 1875. For seven years, from 1876 to 1883, he was at the head of the drafting department of the mechanical course in the Worcester Evening Schools. Before attending the Worcester Polytechnic Institute he had spent three years learning the machinist's trade with Curtis and Marble and in 1880 entered the drafting department of that concern, remaining in that department from 1880 to 1886. In the latter year he was placed in charge of the engineering work and nine years later, in 1895, was made vice-president of the company. In July, 1910, he became president and that official position he has continued until the present time. Curtis and Marble are the largest manufacturers of textile finishing machinery in the United States at the present time, and E. H. Marble is recognized as an expert in that field of mechanical activity and is the oldest member, in continuous service, of the textile machinery industry. He is the inventor of several machines and processes which are used in connection with the textile industry, and his expert knowledge of the field in which he is engaged is recognized outside his own business interests. He is consultant for the United States Government in its textile matters, and is the author of several papers and articles on textile subjects. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the fabric committee of the American Society for Testing Material, the British Textile Institute, and the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers. He is also a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, with the ranking of textile engineer. With all his business responsibilities and his numerous affiliations with technical organizations, Mr. Marble has found time for other associations. He is a member of the Worcester County Mechanics' Association, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Wachusett Country Club, the Rotary Club, and the Congregational Club. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational Church.

Edwin H. Marble married, in Worcester, October 23, 1875, Emma C. Moulton, daughter of Alvin T. and Mary E. (Hammond) Moulton and member of a family of English origin and early Connecticut residence. Mr. and Mrs. Marble are the parents of the following children: 1. George Edwin, born in Worcester, June 26, 1877, married Irene Logan, and they are the parents of three children. 2. Clement Mason, born October 10, 1879, died August 5, 1880. 3. Harold Edson, born July 5, 1881, married Mary Reilley, and they have one child. 4. Robert Alvin, born June 28, 1883, married Maude P. Williams, two of their four children surviving. 5. Henry Chase, born January 5, 1885, married Alice Ingram. He is a practicing physician and served in the World War with the following record: Commissioned captain in Medical Corps in June, 1917; assigned to Base Hospital No. 6 (Massachusetts General Hospital Unit); sailed from New York, July 11, 1917, on the S. S. "Urania"; landed in Queenstown, Liverpool, thence to Bordeaux, France; assigned to Base Hospital No. 6, American Expeditionary Forces as chief of orthopedic service, and for two months was assigned to the 23d Engineers as battalion surgeon at Dax, France; sailed from France February 14, 1919, and landed in New York March 2, 1919; promoted to rank of major, Medical Corps, in February, 1919; assigned to duty at United States General Hospital No. 3, Colonia, New Jersey; and honorably discharged June 3, 1919. 6. Wiley Hammond, born in Worcester, January 4, 1888; his service record in the World War is as follows: Attended 1st Reserve Officers' Training Camp at Fort Niagara, New York, May 10 to July 16, 1917, and was discharged by authority of Special Order 64, Headquarters, Reserve Officers' Training Camp, Fort Niagara, July 16, 1917, reason, defective vision; enlisted in Engineers Corps at Pittsburgh, December 10, 1917, a waiver being

secured from Washington to permit his enlistment, the latter dated November 24, 1917; assigned to recruiting detachment of the 23d Engineers, Camp Meade, Maryland, sworn in December 14, 1917, acting first sergeant of detachment until transferred to 1st Battalion, then at Washington Barracks, December 30, 1917, and being assigned to Company C; battalion marched to Laurel, Maryland, January 20, 1918; sailed for France January 24, 1918, in United States Steamship "Huron" (formerly "Kaiser Friedrich der Grosse") from Hoboken, and landed at Brest February 7, 1918; proceeded from Brest to St. Nazaire, and after several days in camp there the battalion was assigned to the 1st Division (as road engineers), then in Toul sector. Division headquarters was at Menil-le-Tour, battalion headquarters at Boucq, and Company C at Camp Gerard Sas, near Raulecourt; attended Army Candidate School, Engineer Section, Fort St. Menge, near Langres, Haute-Marne, France, April 1, to July 1, 1918; attended infantry section of the same school in the city of Langres, July 1, to July 18; discharged from service July 8, 1918, to accept commission as second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, National Army, General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, Special Order 190, paragraph eleven; assigned to 6th Engineers, 3d Division, July 20, 1918; assigned to Company C, July 26th; authorized to wear four stars on Liberty ribbon, Aisne-Marne offensive, July 18 to August 6, 1918; St. Mihiel offensive, September 12 to 16, 1918; Meuse-Argonne offensive, September 26 to November 11, 1918; and First Army area, August 30 to November 11, 1918; authorized to wear one wound chevron, Headquarters, 6th United States Engineers, Regimental Order 97, June 2, 1919; authorized to wear one citation, Headquarters, 3d Division, General Order 22, July 8, 1919; Army of Occupation, December 15, 1918, to July 7, 1919; Second Corps School, Engineer Section, Châtillon-sur-Seine January 2 to 31, 1919; relieved from duty with 6th Engineers, Headquarters, 3d Army, Special Order 179, June 28, 1919; discharged from service at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, Special Order 188, August 4, 1919. He served as judge advocate, regimental athletic officer and instructor in various engineering subjects (regimental non-commissioned schools), was recommissioned second lieutenant of engineers, Officers' Reserve Corps, in June, 1922, and promoted to captain of engineers in June, 1922, being assigned to the 324th Engineers, 99th Division (with headquarters at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania). 7. Clara Hattie, born March 7, 1889, married William L. McGrath, and has four children. They reside in Elmira, New York.

PHILIP H. DUPREY—The dean of the realtors of Worcester, of which city he has been a resident for more than four decades, Philip H. Duprey is president of the Duprey Realty Corporation, the largest holding company in Massachusetts, and he is also senior member of the well-known firm of Duprey and Stoddard, insurance brokers, representing some of the leading companies of the United States.

Philip H. Duprey was born in West Boylston, September 29, 1877, son of Joseph H. Duprey, who died in 1919, and Addie (Dubois) Duprey, who died in 1923, both natives of West Boylston. Philip H. Duprey received his education in the public schools of his birthplace and then, at the age of twenty, engaged in the real estate business under his own name as an operator and developer. Young, active, and enterprising, he early developed a keen sense of values, both present and future, and this, along with some of the qualities of the creative artist, carried him steadily forward in his chosen field of activity. As a broker he was quick to comprehend the needs and to understand the tastes of his clients who sought to buy or to rent; as a developer, he called into service his latent artistic ability, and through the years it has become a notable fact that there is always something of charm and beauty about each residential section, in the developing of which Mr. Duprey has had a controlling interest. He has assisted materially in the development of such fine sections as Hillcroft, Indian Lake Park, Huntington Terrace, and some of the most pleasant homes and large business buildings in Worcester and vicinity have been erected under his direction. As the years passed and Mr. Duprey's activities widened, he has given convincing evidence of the possession of unusual executive and administrative abilities and has been able in a marked degree to secure the active coöperation of those with whom he was associated. In point of years in service, he is now one of the oldest real estate dealers in Worcester, and the volume of business in that field which he controls is among the largest. As president of the Duprey Realty Corporation he is at the head of the largest holding company in Massachusetts, and as senior member of the firm of Duprey and Stoddard he has a controlling interest in one of the most successful insurance concerns in the city.

Along with his real estate and insurance activities, Mr. Duprey has found time for other activities equally successful. He is the originator, organizer and also president of the Worcester Lunch Car Company, builders of Worcester diners, which employs a large number of men in its factory on Quinsigamond Avenue, Worcester, and which is not only a pioneer in its line, but has dominated its field. There is probably not a State in the Union in which one or more of its diners may not be found in operation. In financial circles, too, Mr. Duprey has been and is active and successful. He has been since it was located in Worcester, president of the Massachusetts Acceptance Corporation and he is also a trustee of the Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank. He has always been interested in public affairs and has served in numerous public offices. For four years he served as a member of the city council. He was a member of the welfare board for six years and was also a member of the board of trustees of the Worcester Public Library, serving as president of the board. During the period when the United States was engaged in the World War, Mr. Duprey was prominent on the various boards and in the loan drives and humanitarian enterprises which characterized that time. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Alliance Française de Worcester. He is a popular figure in the Chamber of Commerce and the Commonwealth Club; and he is also a member of the Worcester Commercial Travelers' Association, Worcester County Republican Club, Worcester Country Club, Worcester Safety Council, Wachusetts Country Club, Harmony Club, Bass Rock Golf Club of Gloucester, Worcester Real Estate

Exchange, Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange and Boston Real Estate Exchange.

Philip H. Duprey married, in 1904, Clara M. Mulvey, of Worcester, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Dorothea M., a graduate of Smith College. 2. Barbara J. 3. Mary E. Mr. Duprey's residence at No. 37 Kenwood Avenue was built by himself and is among the fine residences of the city. He has also a very attractive summer residence at Bass Rock, Gloucester.

RICE, BARTON AND FALES, INCORPORATED—There were in the little town of Worcester about 1836, two men, both well versed in the art of paper making and both imbued with the idea that in this industry the greater profits were reserved for those who elected to make the paper machinery, rather than the paper itself. It must be remembered that the transition from hand made paper to the machine made product had occurred but a few years previous, and the paper machinery of that time, grotesquely crude as it seems to us, had already revolutionized the industry.

One of these men, Henry P. Howe, was born in Worcester, January 31, 1803, but his experience, so far as is known, was obtained in the Edgarton mill at Shirley where he was the superintendent at about twenty-five years of age. Indeed, this mill became noted because of the skill of its superintendent, who was not only a good paper maker but a clever mechanic; he invented the fire dryer and developed many other processes in the art of paper making, and in the two or three years just previous to coming to Worcester he built a machine shop, leasing power rights at the sawmill of Whitcomb, Edgarton, Priest and Company, in that part of Shirley which was afterwards set off to Ayer, where he employed some thirty men in building fire dryers and other paper mill machinery.

The other man, Isaac Goddard, was born at South Royalton, Vermont, March 5, 1800, although he was one of the Millbury Goddards. He came to Worcester in 1812 and was apprenticed to Elijah Burbank at Quinsigamond to learn the paper making trade in this, one of the old Isaiah Thomas mills. After serving his time here he went to Millbury to work for General Burbank and by 1836 he was superintendent of the Burbank mills in that town.

Whether the friendship of the two men was one of long standing or whether they were drawn together by a common knowledge of each other's ability and aims will probably never be known, but in 1837 they formed the partnership of Howe and Goddard and went into the business of making paper mill machinery at the old "Red Mill" on Green Street, near what is now Kelley Square, and which in those days was one of the numerous water power privileges on Mill Brook.

The early records of this partnership are not available, but the proof of its success is the fact that February 1, 1843, they moved to larger quarters on Union Street, near the Boston and Worcester Railroad. They had broadened out and were making textile machinery, and but a few years later when more complete records are to be had, we find this concern building complete equipments for paper mills, including water wheels, steam boilers and steam engines, and with one or two exceptions, every item of machinery used in cotton and woolen mills, and textile print works.

The next two decades witnessed many changes in the partnership and the firm name was likewise frequently changed. June 1, 1846, George M. Rice was admitted into the partnership and it became Howe, Goddard and Company, and a few months later, in 1847, on Mr. Howe's death, it was again changed to Goddard and Rice. Mr. Rice was born at West Brookfield in 1810 and came to Worcester in 1829; his early training was along mercantile lines and this was his first venture into the manufacturing field.

November 3, 1845, the time book shows a new apprentice, George S. Barton, who was born at West Millbury, July 18, 1825, and who now had come to Worcester to work for his kinsman, Isaac Goddard. His ability may be gauged by the fact that on May 1, 1849, the firm name was again changed to Goddard, Rice and Company, the "Company" being Mr. Barton and a Mr. Amos Stevens; little is known of Stevens except that he was an experienced paper maker, and he soon sold out his share to Emmons A. Goddard, the son of Isaac.

We are now in an interesting period in the industrial history of the country—a transition period, as it were, due to many causes but especially to the development of the steam engine. Previous to 1840 industry depended almost entirely on water power, and it followed that all of the early mills, and so likewise the villages and towns, were located by the water courses. A paper mill especially needs great quantities of water, not alone for power, but for manufacturing purposes, and many of the early paper mills were located on streams that proved entirely inadequate as the industry grew and the machinery increased in size. In the vicinity of Worcester there can be found the deserted sites of early paper mills that were built on meandering brooks that now barely serve as a watering place for a few cattle; on Mill Brook in Worcester, now serving as the main city sewer, there were at one time two paper mills.

We find record of a great deal of machinery shipped to the South during these years, but at the close of the war practically every mill had disappeared. In the Middle West paper mills were started up in one State after another, many to pass out of the picture in a few years, and others to endure and expand with the industry. Transportation in the early days was a problem, as the railroads were few and far between and many desirable mill sites were entirely inaccessible.

In New England the industry was also readjusting itself; many localities prominent in the paper industry of early days have no such mills today, and vice versa. In 1837 Worcester County had the following list of paper mills, according to the State statistics, although a careful search now fails to identify quite all of them: One in Athol; one in Auburn; two in Fitchburg; two in Hardwick; three in Harvard; five in Leominster; one in Millbury; two in Worcester.

Lee, up in the Berkshires, came to be one of the greatest paper making centers in the world, but slipped back in later years. Not till 1853 was the first paper mill built in Holyoke, and for many years Goddard, Rice and Company, and their successors built every machine that went into this, the "Paper City" of the world, as mill after mill was erected in rapid succession.

This concern acquired the manufacturing rights to many of the earlier inventions in the paper and

textile industry, among which may be mentioned the: Bennett cloth dryer; Harper Fourdrinier; Hutton wire guide; Gavit cutter; Phelps cylinder washer; Vandewater water wheel; Kneeland layboy; and Barrows tentering machine. Aside from recognizing and utilizing the outstanding inventions of others, the company's own staff, during all these years, was constantly engaged in improving and refining all its machinery, both paper and textile. In 1862, Rice, Barton and Company, redesigned and modernized its complete line and made new and heavier patterns. All the correspondence of that time unreservedly states that in these shops in Worcester, machinery was being built that was superior to anything that could be procured elsewhere in the country.

Just prior to 1850 there entered the employ of the company a man who has been termed as one of the "Immortals" of Worcester County—Dr. Russell L. Hawes. Coming to Worcester to practice medicine he soon abandoned it to give free rein to his mechanical genius. He invented and perfected in the Goddard and Rice shops the first real machine for making envelopes—the beginning of the envelope industry in Worcester and the country. He also designed a printing press, a wrigler for the woolen industry, a machine for making paper bags, one for printing wall paper, and many others.

The next change of name of the concern was April 1, 1862, when there was a split and Rice, Barton and Company came into existence with Mr. Rice, Mr. Barton and their former superintendent, Joseph E. Fales. The minority interests were assumed by Mr. Goddard, who took in with him his two sons, Emmons A. and Silas W., also a Mr. John L. Seaverns; they opened up next door on Union Street, as Goddard, Seaverns and Company. Within a few months Mr. Goddard passed away and this concern, with different partners and finally with Mr. Seaverns alone, continued until about 1870.

This change in the affairs of the concern came at a critical time—the beginning of the second year of the fratricidal struggle between the North and the South. It is well to pause a moment and consider the two men who were to guide the concern through the trying days of the war and the even more dangerous Reconstruction period.

Mr. Barton served three years in the Common Council, five in the Board of Aldermen and was a member of the State Senate in 1877-78; he was president of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad, president of the Worcester Safe Deposit and Trust Company, and president of the Worcester County Mechanics' Association. Mr. Rice was president of the Common Council for three years and a member of the State Senate in 1869-70; he was also at one time president of the Worcester Safe Deposit and Trust Company, and president of the Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company. They were both keen, honest business men of the old school, firmly insistent on receiving their rights, but equally willing to guard the rights of their customers and give value received in every piece of machinery they sent out. Most of the correspondence for many years is in Mr. Rice's handwriting and his letters are reflective of the times;—brief to the point of brusqueness, assertive and, when necessary, bitterly invective, but withal an insistent and direct sales appeal.

The war period was passed and in 1867 the concern was incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts as the Rice, Barton and Fales Machine and Iron Company, with George S. Barton, president; George M. Rice, treasurer, and Joseph E. Fales, manager, and this name remained unchanged until 1922, when it was shortened to Rice, Barton and Fales, Incorporated. The concern kept pace with changing conditions in the mechanical and chemical development of both the paper and textile industries, gradually enlarging its plant and facilities as the trade demanded larger and heavier machinery. Mr. Fales, who had been in charge of the manufacturing end all these years, retired from the business in 1879, and Mr. Rice in 1880, Mr. Barton acquiring their interests and becoming the sole owner.

In 1879 Mr. Barton's son, Charles Sumner Barton, started in to learn the business, and at the time of the elder Mr. Barton's death in 1891 was able to take over the management. The property on Union Street, had come to be in the very center of a large and growing city, and in 1892 a new site was selected far out in the south end, with frontage on the main line of the Boston and Albany Railroad, and there a new and up-to-date plant was built and the business transferred into it in 1893. A portion of the old property was sold to the city of Worcester and on it was built the present fire department headquarters and Mercantile Street. On another portion of it, across Union Street by the bridge over which Foster Street passes, portions of the old shop are still to be seen.

Gradually, over a period of years, the paper and pulp machinery had come to be the chief product of the company; the boiler business was sold to the Stewart Boiler Works back in the early '70's and by the time the new plant on Tainter Street was in operation, with the exception of the textile printing machine and its auxiliary equipment, but little textile machinery was made.

In 1903 George Sumner Barton, the third of the family and the second to bear that name, started in to learn the business, as had his father and grandfather before him, and in 1914, as the war clouds were hovering over Europe, he was called to the leadership of the company at the death of his father.

It was not given to Charles Sumner Barton to live the Biblical threescore and ten, but his was an active and unselfish life both at work and at play, and the press and personal tributes at his death were many and beautiful. From the paper mills all over the country who did business with him; from the exclusive clubs in the cities of the East who welcomed him socially; from men in every walk of life who knew and loved him, came words of sorrow at his early passing and a heartfelt prayer at having been permitted to share the friendship of such a man.

It was a bitter test of the ability of the younger generation to be called to the helm at the beginning of the great "World War." Lessons learned in previous struggles went for naught in this gigantic conflict, and contingencies never dreamed of before hurled all industry into a mad rush for production of war materials. Huge profits inveigled many concerns into unwise expansion and spelled ruin at the tremendous let down in the inevitable Reconstruction period. Rice, Barton and Fales did not enlarge their plant; all their existing facilities were put at the disposal of the government and much war work was done here, and a

survey at the war's close proved the wisdom of the conservatism of the new management.

It is the age of speed and production. For nearly a hundred years the cry has been for larger and faster machines. In the 1840's a complete machine for making paper would weigh twenty or twenty-five tons and cost perhaps $2,000; such a machine could turn out a sheet fifty inches wide and produce a ton and a half or two tons per day. In those days they looked ahead to a possible speed of 100 feet per minute. Present day news print machines have been sold for over $400,000; such a machine weighs thirteen hundred tons and requires sixty cars to transport it to the mill and several months to erect it. This company has recently placed two notable machines in a new news print mill in Maine; these are 234" wide machines, equipped with anti-friction bearings, balanced rolls, automatic paper passing devices and every modern refinement and have established a world's record for speed and production. Each one of these machines can turn out one hundred and sixty tons of news print per day and have operated successfully at 1,340 feet per minute.

The mechanical development of the art of paper making has but kept pace with the chemical end; the discovery of ground wood pulp and also the chemical pulps, and their gradual adoption in all lines of paper making has inaugurated a new era. And in the quite recent past chemistry has spectacularly bridged the gap in the two hitherto entirely distinct lines of manufacture of this concern, for today, on Rice, Barton and Fales' textile printing machines beautiful artificial silks are being printed which are made from spruce fibres originally processed on a Rice, Barton and Fales paper machine.

This company was one of the first in this section to adopt the group insurance plan for its employees. It was the first, and possibly only one to invite its employees to suggest possible improvements to its production methods and plant upkeep; in the past dozen years nearly a thousand suggestions have been received and acted upon, and hundreds of dollars have been awarded for suggestions of merit, and in some instances the employee has been aided in securing a patent.

The present plant of Rice, Barton and Fales, Incorporated, has both foundry and shop facilities for making the very largest paper machines in use, or liable to be called for. These shops, hardly known to many residents of our city, have for nearly a century enjoyed world wide reputation for their paper mill and textile machinery. The present management consists of George Sumner Barton, president and treasurer; J. Warren Vedder, vice-president and general manager, and Lester M. Start, secretary.

Mr. Barton has already been mentioned; he is the third one of the family to head the concern. He is well known in Masonic circles and has served as Master of Quinsigamond Lodge, Worcester. He is interested in all Episcopal activities and has for years been a devoted member of All Saints Church, of Worcester. He was one of the founders of Lenox School and has served as clerk of the trustees of the school since it was started. He has served as chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission of Worcester, and a member of many commissions, during the war and since.

Both Mr. Vedder and Mr. Start joined the Rice, Barton and Fales organization in 1917, coming to Worcester from Wilmington, Delaware, where, in the plant of the Pusey and Jones Company, a competitive company, they had become thoroughly versed in the design, manufacture and sale of paper making machinery.

In 1930 the fourth generation of the Barton family, George Sumner Barton, Jr., the eldest son of the present head of the concern and the third to bear that name, left his college course and, donning the proverbial overalls, started in at the bottom to learn the business. He gave immediate promise of measuring up fully to the standards set by his forebears, but his connection with Rice, Barton and Fales was all too brief, for in a motor boat accident in the summer of 1932 he was instantly killed. His responsibilities were immediately assumed by his next youngest brother, Charles Sumner Barton, who gave up his college career and began the training necessary to fit him for future leadership of the company. With the incentive of three generations of successful management the continued success of the company seems assured in the promise already given by the young and yet untried fourth generation.

JOHN H. DODGE—In almost any business where hand-tools are used the Lowell Wrench is a well-known necessity. The story of the concern which makes this indispensable tool, dates back to 1871, when John E. Sinclair and Milton P. Higgins succeeded in having the plant, in which the reversible ratchet wrenches were manufactured, brought to Worcester. This type of tool was a novel thing at that time, and a demand for them had yet to be created. The first Worcester factory was nothing more than bench room in a manufacturing plant, and the wrenches were turned out chiefly by hand. The advantages of these tools were too manifest to remain long unappreciated and the demand for the product increased until larger quarters were secured in the Howard Brother's Building.

In 1906, John H. Dodge, the subject of this review, became associated with the Lowell Wrench Company, as the firm was known, and three years later, in 1909, was made the general manager of the business, a position he has held since that time. In 1915 the company moved to their present location at No. 54 Commercial Street, where they employ twenty-five hands at minimum, turning out products which are in demand throughout the United States and Canada. Wherever large construction works are under way, in the oil industry, on the railroads, in a thousand plants, the Lowell tools are used. Mr. Dodge has been responsible for much of the expansion of production during the last two decades, and has contributed more than his quota to the improvements made in the various wrenches, having a number of patents to his credit. In his modest way, however, he points to Mr. Sinclair as the pioneer in the industry and would imply that to this same John E. Sinclair is the development of the company due.

John H. Dodge is a native of Worcester, born December 7, 1879, son of Rev. John E. and Emma (Backus) Dodge, the former of whom was a Congregational minister who died in 1910. Mrs. Dodge, born at Hebron, Connecticut, died in 1908.

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After completing his education in the public schools and a business college, John H. Dodge set out to make a living for himself and was engaged at several occupations before becoming associated with the Lowell Wrench Company. The chief activity of his mature career has been the promotion of the interests of the company with which he is connected. He is, however, a citizen of high ideals of service to which he has lived up in many ways in civic affairs. He is a member of the board of trustees of Hahnemann Hospital, Worcester, and thoroughly and practically interested in humanitarian and philanthropic movements. During the period when the United States was involved in the World War, Mr. Dodge was prominent in the Liberty Loan, Red Cross Society, Golden Rule and other "drives" of those days. He is a popular figure in the Kiwanis Club of Worcester, of which he is a past president, and in the Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Economic Club, the Worcester Mechanics Association, both of Worcester, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. His church is the Congregational.

In 1903, Mr. Dodge married Helen M. Sinclair, daughter of John E. Sinclair, of whom mention has been made and who died September 12, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge are the parents of four children: 1. John S., a graduate of Wentworth College, who married Marian Wentworth, and they are the parents of two children: John Wesley and Deborah. 2. Helen S., a graduate of the Oberlin, Ohio, Kindergarten Training School, who married Nils Forsberg and they have two children: Nils, Jr., and Ann. 3. Richard S., a graduate of Riverside Military School, Georgia. 4. Elizabeth Ann, a student in the Worcester High School.

CLAUDIUS JAMES BYRNE, M. D.—Since 1910 Dr. Claudius J. Byrne has been active in the medical profession in Worcester, where he has risen to a prominent place among his colleagues. He is well known as a skillful surgeon and as a prominent member of the surgical staff of the Worcester City Hospital.

Dr. Claudius J. Byrne was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, son of the Rev. Claudius and Lillian May (Wells) Byrne. His father was a Methodist minister, born in Ireland, died in East Manchester, New Hampshire, on February 6, 1914, aged sixty-nine years. He came to Canada with his parents at the age of four years and there received his early schooling, entering the Tilton Methodist Seminary in 1876 and being graduated from that institution three years later and ordained in the Methodist ministry. His first pastorate was at Bath, New Hampshire; and he afterward preached at many places in that State. He was appointed, in July, 1906, chaplain of the State prison at Concord, the city in which he lived and served in the chaplain's capacity for seven years thereafter. He spent his last days at Manchester. While still in early life, he served for nine years in the British Army with a Canadian detachment. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was for thirty years Grand Chaplain. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he was affiliated with Excelsior Lodge, of Colebrook, and later with Hillsboro Lodge, of Manchester, of which he was at one time Noble Grand. He was admitted to the Odd Fellows' Grand Lodge on October 10, 1900, and in 1902 was elected Grand Chaplain of that body, serving for twelve years. He also belonged to Harmony Rebekah Lodge, of Marlborough. For many years he served the Methodist Episcopal Church in its New Hampshire Conference. He married Lillian May Wells, a native of Warner, New Hampshire, later a resident of Manchester. The Rev. Claudius and Lillian May (Wells) Byrne became the parents of three children: 1. Lillian, a teacher at East Saugus, Massachusetts. 2. Louise, who died at the age of eleven years. 3. Claudius James, youngest of the family, of further mention.

Born on April 22, 1884, Claudius James Byrne attended, in the 'nineties, the public schools of the different communities where his father had pastorates. He went to high school in Manchester, New Hampshire, and also to Tilton Seminary, afterward becoming a student at the Tufts Medical School, in Boston, from which he was graduated in 1910 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For a year and a half he served an interneship at the Worcester City Hospital, specializing in surgery. There followed another period, this time of two years, at the City Hospital, after which he began his formal practice of medicine and surgery. Since 1912 he has had offices at No. 1066 Main Street, Worcester, in which city he is at the time of writing a member of the surgical staff of the City Hospital. He has established a splendid reputation for himself, so that he occupies an honorable place in his profession, his colleagues recognizing in him a skilful surgeon and an accomplished diagnostician.

Dr. Byrne is also a member of the Worcester District Medical Society, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He finds healthful recreation as a member of the Worcester County Country Club and the Marshfield Country Club. In his political views, he holds to an independent course; and in religious faith he is a Methodist.

Dr. Claudius J. Byrne married, on October 27, 1915, in Manchester, New Hampshire, Margaret Isabelle Forbes, who was formerly superintendent of Worcester City Hospital. She was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, a daughter of the Rev. John Franklin and Janet (McMillan) Forbes. Her father was a Presbyterian minister. Both he and Mrs. Forbes are now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Byrne became the parents of a son, Claudius James Byrne, Jr., born November 28, 1917.

ROBERT CARL OLSON—Among the industries that contribute to the activities and prosperity of Worcester, county and city, is the Olson Manufacturing Company, founded by Robert C. Olson, who is also president and treasurer. This concern, known for the fine finish of its products, manufactures principally screw machine products and engages in many special operations such as drilling, milling, tapping, punching, etc. Its plant is modernly equipped and is run on a high plane of efficiency, the products being distributed to customers in many parts of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Olson's parents, Carl J. and Anna K. (Anderson) Olson, were natives of Sweden. In his early life the father was engaged in the operation of a gristmill, which was across the border in Norway. In 1887 the family came to the United

States and settled in Worcester. Here the elder Olson went to work for the McCloud, Crane and Minter Company, where he rose to shop superintendent, having been associated with the concern from as early as 1892, in the designing and building of machinery for the manufacture of screws. The trade to which the father was attached has since been followed continuously by the Olson family of seven sons.

Robert Carl Olson, son of Carl J. and Anna K. (Anderson) Olson, was born in Norway, April 26, 1884, and was three years old when he accompanied his parents on their journey to America. He passed through the grammar grades of the Worcester public schools and entered Post's Business College in this city, completing his education there. He then entered the employ of the McCloud, Crane and Minter Company, where his father was superintendent. At the comparatively youthful age of twenty-two he was installed as general superintendent of the Anthony Screw Company, which had become the successor of the McCloud, Crane and Minter Company.

He resigned his connection with the Anthony concern in 1906 to accept a position as a representative of the Canadian department of Fairbanks, Morse and Company, and traveled out of Winnipeg, Manitoba, in the sale of gas engines and scales. He was thus engaged for two years; at the end of that time he returned to Worcester and was with the Critchley Machine Company as its production engineer for one year.

It was in 1913 that he organized the Olson Manufacturing Company in Worcester, beginning operations with twelve screw machine spindles. Four years later, in 1917, the business was chartered as a corporation, Robert C. Olson becoming president and treasurer, Hugo P. Olson, vice-president, and Richard L. Olson, secretary. The company has developed its plant on up-to-date lines and principles until its equipment includes two hundred spindles of the latest type, both in the single and multiple spindle phase machines, for the manufacture of screw machine products in steel and brass up to two and one-quarter inches in diameter. Its factory at Nos. 54-72 Commercial Street provides floor space of 20,000 square feet. Among their numerous customers in this country and the Dominion of Canada are manufacturers of automobiles, builders' hardware, textile equipment, mechanics' tools and many other specialties. In normal times employment is furnished for a force of about seventy-five persons.

The physical resources of the Olson Manufacturing Company were devoted to war work during the period of the United States' participation in the World War. In addition, Richard L. Olson enlisted for flying service in the Aviation Division. He completed his ground school training at Princeton University and was in readiness for embarkation for overseas, when news of the signing of the Armistice came and prevented sailing. Ragnar F. Olson, one of the directors, enlisted with Battery B, 26th Division, serving as gunner corporal. He went to France with the earliest units, was gassed and wounded in the battle of the Marne, October 10, 1918. He was under treatment in hospitals and sanatoriums for about three years before he was enabled to resume his work in civil life.

Robert Carl Olson married, November 20, 1917, at Worcester, Gerda C. Hammerstrom, of Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Carl G. and Anna C. (Strombonn) Hammerstrom, both her parents being natives of Sweden. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Olson are: 1. Jeannette C., born October 3, 1918. 2. Norman Robert, born October 25, 1923. 3. Lois Anna, born January 21, 1925.

Mr. Olson's fraternal affiliations include Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the National Manufacturers Association, Worcester Council of the United Commercial Travelers, Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club of Worcester and Worcester Country Club. He is a trustee of Fairlawn Hospital and a communicant of the Lutheran Church. He is an ardent golfer and fisherman.

JAMES F. FERRE—Except during the early part of his business career, James F. Ferre, of Worcester, has been identified with the life and affairs of Central Massachusetts. He comes from families prominent in the annals of New England since Colonial times, tracing his ancestry back to Governor Bradford, a passenger on the good ship "Mayflower," and the settlers of Plymouth. Mr. Ferre is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was born February 4, 1871, a son of Charles D. and Fannie C. (Fisher) Ferre, both natives of Massachusetts. His father was a well-known merchant of Springfield for many years. Both parents are now deceased.

James F. Ferre was educated in the public schools of his natal city and early left the halls of learning to make a livelihood for himself. When only seventeen years of age, in 1888, he entered the employ of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, and never since that time has the association been broken. From the start he has been compelled to work his way through, aided by nothing except only his natural ability and indefatigable perseverance. Mr. Ferre acquired experience in the office and in the field; he sold insurance and he learned all the routine which goes into the writing and recording of an insurance policy. July 1, 1903, his capabilities were rewarded, when he was appointed manager of the Worcester office of the company, a position he has held since that time. His work has largely increased during the last two decades, as a result of his capable management, which gave him additional territory. In 1912 the State of Rhode Island was joined to Central Massachusetts, and he also has charge of this State. He has under him on the average fifty employees, and the business written by this branch of the Mutual Life has been increasingly large.

Mr. Ferre has always taken a great interest in Worcester and in its advancement. Civic and humanitarian movements have at all times received his encouragement and aid. Politics have had little lure for him, but he is a student of municipal government and is well informed on many of the things which go into the making of a better city. Business has usually come first with him; yet he has always kept in close touch with others in his line of business. He is a member of the Life Underwriters Association of Central Massachusetts and of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Club. Mr. Ferre is also a member of the staid old Bancroft Automobile Club, holds membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants and is interested in local and State history.

His religious faith is that of the Unitarian Church, being a member of the First Church of Worcester.

On June 23, 1897, Mr. Ferre married Lillian Harriet Warner, of Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Ferre make their home at No. 3 Einhorn Road, Worcester.

GEORGE M. ORR—President of one of the oldest industrial concerns of Worcester, George M. Orr ranks high among the business men of the city and has been prominent in many of the projects which have contributed to the municipality's advance and prosperity. In 1861, his grandfather, George F. Orr, of Worcester, founded the Worcester Bleach and Dye Company and carried it through the initial and crucial years of its advance. It was not incorporated under its present name until 1891. George M. Orr, of this review, became a member of the company in 1906 and its vice-president in 1909. Upon his father's death he was elected to the presidency, a post he has held since that time. The company is the oldest and the largest concern of its kind in Worcester.

George M. Orr is a native of Worcester, born April 30, 1886, the son of James E. and Florantine Janet (Mason) Orr. After attending the public schools of his birthplace, he studied at Lawrenceville Preparatory School and from there matriculated at Harvard University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908, holding the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Prior to his graduation, in 1906, he was made a member of the company which his grandfather had organized in Civil War time. As has been indicated, George M. Orr spent three years of hard work in the plant in preparation for taking an executive position in the firm. In 1909 he was made vice-president and in 1920 became president. He has had experience in nearly every phase of the activities of the industry and attacked its problems with the trained mind of a student and an inherited ability. He is no rocking chair executive and asks no men in his employ to do that which he cannot do himself. His rise is not only an evidence of personal achievement, but is not envied by those under his direction. He has shown inventive genius, and some of the processes and methods used are of Mr. Orr's invention and patented in his name. The Worcester Bleach and Dye Company's plant stood originally near Salisbury Pond and consisted of one small building. It met with success and, in the search for more space, the choice was made of its present location at No. 61 Fremont Street, where the company now makes use of five acres of floor space. The corporation manufactures mainly colored yarns and threads, employs normally more than two hundred hands, and ships its products to all parts of the United States. In the modern fashion the company maintains a hospital and rest rooms, completely equipped; sponsors athletic sports and social recreation; and, as has been pointed out, is the largest and oldest firm of its kind in Worcester.

In addition to serving as the president of the Worcester Bleach and Dye Company, Mr. Orr has been active along civic and humanitarian lines in the community. During the World War period he was prominent among the leaders in the Liberty and other financial "drives" and promoted to the best of his ability the affairs of the Red Cross and other philanthropic agencies. Among his clubs are the Harvard Club of New York, the Harvard Club of Boston, and the Tatnuck Country Club of Worcester.

In 1909, George M. Orr married Isabel P. Meacham of Brooklyn, New York, and they are the parents of four children: Isabel G. and Janet M., now in their junior years at Smith College; Dorothy and Grace, students preparing to enter institutions of higher education.

ARTHUR TAYLOR CHASE—The printing and publishing business has engaged the attention of Arthur Taylor Chase for practically all his adult life. He is well known to the trade throughout New England by reason of his association with the Beacon Press, of Worcester, of which he is the principal owner, treasurer and general manager. His concern has achieved a reputation for doing high class printing and art advertising.

Born in Bristol, New Hampshire, April 5, 1873, Mr. Chase is the son of Nicholas Taylor and Olive A. (Huckins) Chase, both parents natives of the Granite State and now deceased, the former having been occupied as a farmer. In the public schools, including a high school course, the son, Arthur Taylor, obtained his education and made an early beginning on a business career. He arrived in Worcester in 1904 to enter the employ of the Commonwealth Press, at the time one of the oldest and best known printing houses in this section of the State. Here he made himself master of all the details of the craft and of the business affairs connected with the concern, during his stay of twenty-seven years.

In 1931 he severed his connection with the Commonwealth Press, having decided to enter business on his own account. Purchasing a two-thirds interest in the Beacon Press, he became treasurer and general manager, which offices he has since filled. The Beacon Press was established in a small way by L. E. Smith (q. v.) as a printing business in Bridgeport, Connecticut, whence after some years the plant was removed to Providence, Rhode Island. In 1931 Mr. Smith brought the business to Worcester and in that year obtained a charter of incorporation, Mr. Chase and Allen Adams, secretary, being the other incorporators. Mr. Smith is president of the company. The chief responsibility for the executive and financial management of the business rests, however, upon Mr. Chase, through his capacities of treasurer and general manager. The corporation has a modern, completely equipped plant at No. 25 Foster Street. Among Mr. Chase's other business connections is the Union Laundry, of which he became president and treasurer.

Mr. Chase affiliates with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, having proceeded through the thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Advertising Club of Worcester, and the Commonwealth Club of this city. He worships as a member of All Saints Protestant Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Worcester Safety Council and in numerous ways has been identified with the growth, development and progress of Worcester.

Mr. Chase married, in 1921, Nellie R. Scott, There is one daughter, Mary V. The family has its home in this city.

MICHAEL N. ABODEELY—In the early 1880's Nassif and Mary (Corey) Abodeely, natives of Beirut, Syria, migrated from their home to the "land of opportunity," America, and for two decades were in business in Worcester. During the next few years they and their family were residents of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but returned to Worcester in 1904, where on March 25, 1904, Michael N. Abodeely, the subject of this review, was born. His parents have continued to be citizens of Worcester, and until his retirement in 1925 the father was the head of the mercantile business and store now run by other members of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Abodeely were the parents of six children: 1. Mabel, the wife of Joseph Peters. 2. Michael N., of whom further. 3. Adele. 4. Vina, the manager of the store mentioned. 5. George, educated at Boston University. 6. Robert, a graduate of the High School of Commerce and a student at Clark College.

Michael N. Abodeely was given the full advantages of the Worcester schools and was graduated from the Grafton Street Grammar School and the High School of Commerce. He then matriculated at the Boston University School of Business Administration, where he studied for three years, and continued his technical training in the University Law School, from which he was graduated in 1926 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. College days over, he returned to Worcester, was admitted to the bar of Worcester County in 1927, and immediately hung out his shingle as a general practitioner of law. He joined the Worcester County Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association and in every way has kept in close touch with his colleagues in the profession.

Mr. Abodeely, while a serious student, always gave first place to the course which he was pursuing in the university, but realized fully that college life and its advantages included far more than books and lectures. He entered into all manner of activities and as an athlete shone far above his fellows. It will be recalled by those interested in sports that he was mentioned in the selections for the "All American" football eleven of 1924. In recent years he has devoted several of the autumn months to football coaching. He is also a swimmer and a golfer and is skilled at almost all forms of athletics. He is a popular figure in the Worcester Athletic Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of St. George; and he is a member of the Boston University Alumni Association and the Syrian-American Association. All of these activities, without any intention on the part of Mr. Abodeely, have contributed to his success as a lawyer insofar as they indicate all around abilities and a vigorous and attractive personality. His achievements in his profession are based, however, upon solid study and the careful preparation of every case with which he has to do. He has the hearty confidence of both clients and colleagues.

Mr. Abodeely has his offices at No. 390 Main Street, Worcester.

FRANK J. BOBBLIS—One of the younger attorneys of Worcester, of which city he has been a resident all of his life, Frank J. Bobblis has identified himself with many phases of the life of the community wherein he holds a place of prominence and popularity.

He is the son of Martin and Mary (Vaitkevich) Bobblis, who came from Lithuania in 1887 and located in Worcester, where they still reside. Their son, after attending the grammar schools was graduated from the Worcester Classical High School in 1919. Later he matriculated at Georgetown University, Washington, District of Columbia, and was graduated in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Coming again to Massachusetts, Mr. Bobblis studied in the law school of Boston University, from which he was graduated in 1926 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and was admitted to the bar of Worcester County that same year. During the following year he was admitted to practice in the District and Federal courts.

Mr. Bobblis' preparation for the profession of law has been thorough and complete. A natural student, ambitious to succeed, it was only natural that his achievements both as a student and an attorney should be notable. He is esteemed by his colleagues as a careful and able lawyer, well informed and skilled in the presentation of his cases. In 1926 he entered into a partnership to form the firm of Meleski and Bobblis, an association which still continues. Their offices are in the Slater Building, Worcester. Mr. Bobblis is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and several Lithuanian societies. He is interested in politics and is a vice-president of the Republican Council. His chief recreation is golf, and he is interested in the civic improvements of the city and active in the movements which make for this end.

Frank J. Bobblis married, May 26, 1930, Pauline C. Svagdys, of Boston. They reside at No. 51 Harlem Street, Worcester.

WILLIAM L. MACINTOSH—A native of Grafton, where he still has his residence, William L. Macintosh is one of the leaders of the bar of Worcester County and for some years has been in general practice in the city of Worcester. In addition to the local and State courts, he has been admitted to the bar of the United States courts and has built up a large and desirable clientage.

Born in Grafton, May 13, 1905, William L. Macintosh is a son of William M. and Catherine (Hughes) Macintosh, his father born in Dundee, Scotland, and now living retired, and his mother a native of Johnstone, Scotland. From the public schools of his home town, he entered Clark University and studied there one year. His legal training was received in Boston University, where he was graduated in the class of 1926 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was an editor of the "Law Review" for two years while he was at Boston University and a member of the University Student Council.

He was certified for practice before the courts of Massachusetts, in 1926, and in that year became an associate member of the firm of Cowee and Fletcher in Worcester. In 1929 he was admitted to partnership in the firm which was reorganized under the name of Cowee and Macintosh. His admission to practice in the Federal courts is tantamount to recognition of his professional ability. His professional affiliations include the Mas-

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sachusetts Bar Association and the Worcester County Bar Association.

In political allegiance he is a staunch and active Republican and a member of the town committee of his party in Grafton. He is a member of Franklin Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Royal Arch Masons, and the Knights Templar; also of Phi Delta Phi Fraternity, and the Woolsack, the honor society of Boston University. His religion is of the Protestant faith. Mr. Macintosh has his law office at No. 507 Main Street, Worcester, and his home in Grafton.

HON. CHARLES WARD JOHNSON—The death on January 1, 1932, of Charles Rensselaer Johnson deprived Worcester of the dean of the legal profession. He had practiced law in the city for fifty-five years, had served in various capacities as a public official for a quarter of a century, and had been prominent in social, cultural, civic and political life. He was born at Dana, December 28, 1852, son of Theodore Wilder and Emily Sears (Mellen) Johnson. A graduate of Harvard University, class of 1875, and admitted to the bar in 1877, he was at various times member of the Worcester School Committee (twenty-six years), member of the Legislature (1898-99), master in chancery from 1882, member of the State Board of Charity from 1904, and member of the constitutional committee during 1917-18. He married Susey Servey, daughter of Jones and Harriet A. Servey, in 1889, and they were the parents of two children: Charles Ward, the subject of this review, and Theodore Howard Johnson.

The Hon. Charles Ward Johnson was born at Worcester, March 8, 1894, and received the preliminaries of his education in the city schools, being graduated from South High School in 1911. He then matriculated at Clark University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1914. During the following three years Mr. Johnson completed his law studies in the Boston University College, being awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws upon his graduation in 1918. Admitted to the bar that same year he at once became associated with his father, Charles Rensselaer Johnson, and so continued to 1932. A worthy son of a worthy father, he has added new luster to the family name, as a lawyer, public official and civic leader.

Charles Ward Johnson was interested in politics before he cast his first vote and has been staunch in his support of the Republican party since the beginning of his practice in Worcester. During 1920-24 he was a member of the common council; from 1925 to 1926 he was a member of the board of aldermen; and from 1927 to 1930 he served as a member of the Massachusetts State Senate. In the latter body his chief committee was that on legal affairs, and he was a member of the Massachusetts War Memorial Commission. Fraternally, Mr. Johnson is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Quinsigamond Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is also a member of the Worcester Grange, the Worcester County Harvest Club, the Worcester Clark University Alumni Association, and the Worcester Tennis Club. Tennis was at one time his principal physical recreation, but Mr. Johnson is well known for his skill as a chess and checker player. He is accumulating special editions in books and is interested actively in other cultural recreations.

On August 12, 1925, Charles Ward Johnson married Rena L. Boyle, of Worcester, and they are the parents of a son, Charles Ward, Jr., born December 4, 1930. Mrs. Johnson is a popular figure in the social, club and sports circles of the city.

THOMAS H. SULLIVAN—The law, banking and education have filled the versatile record of Thomas H. Sullivan, of Worcester and Millbury. He practices his profession and holds the office of president of the Bay State Savings Bank in Worcester, has been chairman of the Millbury school committee for thirty-five years, and is a long time member of the advisory board of the Massachusetts State Department of Education. One of the most distinguished lawyers of this jurisdiction, he is a former president of the Worcester County Bar Association.

Jeremiah T. Sullivan, father of the lawyer-banker, was born in County Cork, Ireland, and came to reside in Millbury, Worcester County, where he carried on business as a builder. He died in 1892. He married Johanna Horgan, who was also a native of County Cork. She died in 1925. They were a worthy couple who had the respect of their neighbors and friends.

Thomas H. Sullivan, son of Jeremiah T. and Johanna (Horgan) Sullivan, was born in Millbury, November 12, 1868, and obtained his preliminary and preparatory training in public schools. He entered Holy Cross College, achieved a high record for scholarship, and was graduated Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1891. In 1894 he made his Master's degree at Holy Cross. His professional course was taken at Boston University Law School, which made him a Bachelor of Laws at graduation in 1894. He has always been keenly interested in the affairs of his *alma mater* in Worcester and for three years served as president of the Holy Cross Alumni Association. In the same year that he left the law school he was admitted to the bar at a sitting of court in this county. He began practice as an associate of the firm of Blackmer and Vaughan in the city of Worcester and maintained this connection until 1901, in which year he established himself in his own office in this city. His practice is large and of desirable quality. In addition to the Worcester County Bar Association, he affiliates with the Massachusetts State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. During his tenure as president of the Worcester County Bar Association that body's affairs were maintained on the high plane of aims and ethics for which it is so well known to lawyers and the courts.

Some years ago Mr. Sullivan was induced to become a member of the Bay State Savings Bank. This institution, founded in 1895 by a group of substantial, forward-looking men, has had a remarkable history, in which success and prestige have kept company. Its first president was Richard Healy, and its second William Hart, the third James Early, and the fourth Mr. Sullivan, who was elected to the office in 1922 and has since filled the same. The bank has only had two treasurers; George McAleer was the first to hold the position, and the present incumbent is Thomas H. Callery. It speaks well for the institution that it has had so few men to occupy the principal offices and that

they have been of such high calibre as to command the esteem and confidence of the depositors and the public generally. Mr. Sullivan is also a director of the M. A. C. Bank and of many other corporations in the city and county.

In the service of his native town of Millbury, he is a member of the school committee and has held the post of chairman since 1898. The cause of education in this community has been given an impetus along the lines of progress during his administration as head of the board. He was first appointed to the advisory board of the State department of education by Governor Calvin Coolidge, later President of the United States, and has since been repeatedly reappointed by successive Governors. He greatly enjoys his work in connection with the Commonwealth's supervision of this branch of administrative government. During the World War period he rendered timely and patriotic service as a member of different boards and committees. He is a member of the Worcester County Historical Society, Economic Club, Commonwealth Club, Worcester Country Club, and of a number of other clubs of a local character. His fraternal affiliations include the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in which he has served as president of his division and holds the office of president of the Past Presidents Association; and the Knights of Columbus. He is a communicant of St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Church of Millbury.

Mr. Sullivan married, in 1910, Mary A. Barrett, a native of Massachusetts, daughter of Thomas and Johanna (McGillicuddy) Barrett. She died in 1926. Mr. Sullivan's home is in Millbury and his official address at the Slater Building, Worcester.

IRVING P. SAWYER—From the banking field, in which he started his career, Irving P. Sawyer withdrew to enter the industrial phase of business. He has been secretary-treasurer of the National Shoe and Slipper Company, of Worcester, for more than a decade of years. He is one of the well-known executives in the shoe manufacturing trade in this country and Canada, where the products of his concern are distributed. The corporation, whose financial department he controls, is well rated as one of the successful ones in its line in the United States.

Born in Worcester, April 28, 1897, Mr. Sawyer is a son of Bertice F. and Cora Edna (Perry) Sawyer, his father a native of this city and vice-president of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company. Having received his education in the public schools of his native city, he thought to make his career in the financial world. He joined the staff of a Worcester banking institution, but only remained in that association a brief time. A more active life in the manufacturing world appealed strongly to him; and after resigning his position at the bank, he accepted a position of assistant to the treasurer and general manager of the Worcester Tire and Fabric Company. Later he became assistant treasurer of the New England Slipper Company. Here he remained until 1921, when he was elected secretary of the National Shoe and Slipper Company. In the following year he was made secretary-treasurer of the same company, which is the dual office he has since filled.

The National Shoe and Slipper Company is the successor of the G. and K. Felt Slipper Company, which began business in 1919 at No. 67 Winter Street, Worcester, with Hyman I. Golumbuk (q. v.) and Mr. Kumin as owners and partners. In 1920 Mr. Kumin retired and in his place a Mr. Grace was received as a partner. The business was incorporated in 1921 as the National Shoe and Slipper Company, Mr. Golumbuk becoming president, Mr. Grace treasurer, and Mr. Sawyer secretary. Upon the withdrawal of Mr. Grace from the company, Mr. Sawyer took on the additional duties of treasurer and has since, together with the secretaryship, discharged them to the advantage of the business. In 1922 the company moved its plant and offices to Nos. 8-10 Beech Street in order to have more commodious quarters for its increasing business. By 1930 the volume of its trade had increased to such a degree that the company again was forced to move, and this time it located on Green Street, where it has ample room, about 50,000 square feet of floor space, and modern machinery and the latest facilities known to the trade. The business furnishes employment for four hundred and fifty persons, and the company's products are in demand from numerous points in the United States and Canada. It is the manufacturer of the famous soft-soled "Solid Comfy" slippers and of McKay's and Goodyear's low-priced shoes for women. Colleagues in the trade look upon the company's remarkable success as almost phenomenal. To this desirable state Mr. Sawyer has contributed of his ability as the company's chief financial expert and keeper of records.

With Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Worcester, Mr. Sawyer is affiliated, being an earnest exponent of the tenets of the order. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and the Wachusett Country Club. In religion he is a Protestant.

C. ARTHUR NICHOLS—Since 1920 C. Arthur Nichols has served as president of the Charles W. Burbank Company, one of the oldest and largest printing companies of Worcester County. Prior to that time he had been engaged in the advertising business for many years, winning recognition as dean of all advertising men in Worcester. Mr. Nichols' record as executive head of the Charles W. Burbank Company has been notable, and under his able guidance the high standards always associated with this company have been maintained.

Mr. Nichols was born at Worcester, May 20, 1876, a son of William L. and Martha L. (Lee) Nichols. His father, who was born at Milford, Massachusetts, and died in 1881, was engaged in the express business. As a young man he served during the Mexican War as a captain in the United States Army. Martha L. (Lee) Nichols, his wife, who was also born in Massachusetts, died in 1888.

C. Arthur Nichols received his education in Worcester public schools and at an early age entered the advertising business, in which he was engaged very successfully up to the year 1920. He early saw the possibilities of this new field of endeavor and developed a very large business, centering at Worcester, which occupied his time and attention until he became associated with the Charles W. Burbank Company as its president.

The Charles W. Burbank Company had its beginnings in a small printing shop established originally by a Mr. Howland at No. 58 Front Street, Wor-

cester. It was founded in 1835 and carried on by the first owner until he disposed of his property to Charles W. Burbank. The latter removed the plant to Allen Court, now Federal Street, and in turn remained as head of the business until his death in 1900. At that time he was succeeded by his son, William F. Burbank, who was born in Worcester in 1873. Under the direction of William F. Burbank the business of the company largely increased. They undertook all kinds of book, job and commercial printing and became large manufacturers of calendars, distributing their products throughout New England. It was as a calendar salesman, that William F. Burbank first became associated with the company, but he rapidly learned all details connected with its operation and as president guided its affairs with sure hand along the pathway of success. He was active in trade organizations, was a high Mason and was prominent in other bodies, particularly the United Commercial Travelers, in the Worcester Council of which he exercised an important influence for many years. His death, on August 7, 1920, at the early age of forty-seven, removed one of Worcester's leading business men and citizens and was a source of deep regret wherever he was known.

It was at this time that C. Arthur Nichols was called upon to become president of the Charles W. Burbank Company. The business was incorporated under its present name with Mr. Nichols as president and Maude E. Burbank, widow of William F. Burbank, as treasurer. These are the present officers. Mr. Nichols gave up a successful advertising business to assume his new duties with the Charles W. Burbank Company and has carried on its work with commendable ability and sound judgment. When the new Printers Building was erected at No. 44 Portland Street, Worcester, the plant of the company was moved to this location, where several thousand feet of floor space are occupied. Some fifteen people find employment with the company and, as previously, its products are distributed throughout New England. It is a tribute to Mr. Nichols' talents that there was no break in the company's progress and that its development has continued under his energetic leadership.

Fraternally, Mr. Nichols is affiliated with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and in this order is a member of various higher bodies, including the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters; and the Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is an active member and Past Counselor of Worcester Council, United Commercial Travelers, a member of the Worter Chamber of Commerce and was formerly associated with several other clubs and organizations, although he does not now continue his membership. In religious faith, he is a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Mr. Nichols has been active in Worcester life for many years and is well known, both in the city and throughout the county.

In 1901 C. Arthur Nichols married Ella M. Clarke, of Massachusetts. They are the parents of two children: 1. Milton C., a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 2. Philip G.

O. LEON ROY—The city of Worcester has been the scene of Mr. Roy's successful professional activities as a lawyer for the last decade and ever since his admission to the bar. During this period Mr. Roy has won for himself an enviable reputation as an able and conscientious attorney and as a result he has built up a large and important practice. Outside of his profession he has taken an active and helpful part in many different phases of the community's life and has done and is doing his full share in advancing its welfare and progress.

O. Leon Roy was born at Cap Chat, Gaspé County, Province of Quebec, Canada, May 14, 1884, a son of Phileas and Julia (Dancause) Roy and a member of a family of French origin that had come to Quebec from France in the early days of the province. His father was a farmer. Mr. Roy received his early education in the public schools and then attended the College of St. Césaire, Quebec, from which he was graduated in 1902. Immediately after leaving college he entered the employ of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, with which he continued to be connected in various capacities until 1923. During the latter part of this period he took up the study of law at Northeastern University, Boston, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1923. Admitted to the bar in the same year, he has been successfully engaged in the practice of law since then at Worcester, with offices in Suite No. 309, Park Building, No. 507 Main Street. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association. Other organizations, in which he maintains active membership, include the following: Alliance Française; Worcester Lodge, No. 243, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Business Club of the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association; Harmony Club of Worcester; Worcester Civic Club; the Artisans; and St. John's Society. Mr. Roy has always been fond of athletic sports and finds his recreation chiefly in gymnastic work and in various outdoor sports.

Mr. Roy married, November 25, 1909, Florence Hopps, of Wakefield, England. Mr. and Mrs. Roy, who make their home at No. 41 Chatham Street, Worcester, are the parents of two children: 1. Lucille, born August 3, 1913. 2. Eric, born February 19, 1916.

COLONEL ROBERT LEE WHIPPLE—An engineer of wide experience and distinguished record, Colonel Robert Lee Whipple is a member of the Lowell-Whipple Company, engineers, general contractors and builders, at Worcester. Apart from the important work he has undertaken in connection with his company, he has been conspicuous in State building projects and in many other phases of Massachusetts life.

Colonel Whipple was born in Adams, Massachusetts, on December 30, 1881, a son of Reuben A. Whipple, born in Rhode Island, and Evelyn (Todd) Whipple, the latter, born in Massachusetts. Reuben A. Whipple was a lime manufacturer at Adams and prominent in social and civic affairs. He was a veteran of the Civil War, fighting with the Union troops, and subsequently served with the American Army in Cuba and the Philippines during the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. His military record was one of considerable distinction, and at the time of his retirement from the service he held the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Robert Lee Whipple of this record, received his preliminary education in Massachusetts schools and

at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, although still in his 'teens, he entered the army, serving in the Philippines from 1899 to 1902. In the latter year, upon his return to the United States, he entered the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1906 with the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Civil Engineer. In beginning his active engineering career, Colonel Whipple was resident engineer with the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad for several years and subsequently became an engineer in the United States Navy Department, where he remained for two years. In 1911 he came to Worcester, where his activities have since centered. With the exception of his World War service, he has been engaged since that time as a general contractor and builder.

Following the entry of the United States into the war in April, 1917, Colonel Whipple immediately volunteered. In August, 1917, he was commissioned captain and assigned to the 301st Engineers, 76th Division and later to the 4th Army Corps. On March 18, 1918, he was promoted to the grade of major and in June, 1918, to lieutenant-colonel, commanding the 301st Regiment from that time on. Colonel Whipple participated with these troops in the battle of St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive and subsequently served with the Army of Occupation in Germany. In April, 1919, he was promoted to the grade of colonel and was discharged with that rank in June, 1919.

Returning to the pursuits of peace, Colonel Whipple was executive head of R. L. Whipple and Company, general contractors at Worcester, from 1919 to 1922. Since that time he has been associated with the Lowell-Whipple Company, general contractors, which was formed in the latter year. In spite of the many demands made upon him by his own business, which is one of the largest of its kind in the State, Colonel Whipple has found time to be very active in the service of the State. From 1927 to 1931 he was consulting engineer for the State of Massachusetts on all building projects, making available to State officers his long experience and sound judgment. From 1924 to 1926 he was chairman of the State War Memorial Commission for the erection of a memorial to the Massachusetts troops at St. Mihiel; and from 1930 to 1931 was a member of the special commission for building an addition to the State House in Boston to accommodate the Supreme Court and other courts of the State. From 1923 to 1925 he was a member of the State Commission of Administration and Finance. Colonel Whipple has administered the duties of these offices with efficiency and fidelity, rendering service of notable importance to the State. In addition he has been very active in Worcester life, serving as president of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce from 1926 to 1928 and as president of the Worcester Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, from 1929 to 1931. A Republican in politics, he has exercised an important influence in councils of his party, both local and State-wide, and in 1928 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Colonel Whipple was a member of the Alumni Council of the University of Vermont from 1924 to 1928, and in 1928 became a member of the board of trustees of that institution. He is also a member of the Economic Club; the Worcester Historical Society; the Tatnuck Country Club; the University Club of Worcester, of which he was president in 1931; the Worcester County Fish and Game Association; the Worcester County Republican Club; the Kiwanis Club and the Players Club, both of the latter of Worcester. He is very fond of outdoor sports and travel, which are his chief recreations. Colonel Whipple has visited many of the countries of the world, making repeated trips abroad since 1921. His travels in that year took him to France, Belgium and Germany. In 1925 he visited Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium, Holland and the British Isles; and in 1927 the British Isles, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland and France. In 1929 he again visited the British Isles and in 1931 made a trip to South America, his intinerary including Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina and Brazil.

On June 28, 1911, Colonel Whipple married Mildred D. Jenks of Adams, Massachusetts, who died in May, 1930. They became the parents of two sons: 1. Robert J., a student at Princeton University. 2. William J., now a student at Phillips-Andover Academy. Colonel Whipple married (second), October 31, 1931, Gertrude S. Porter of Worcester. She is also active in the city's life and a member of many clubs. Colonel and Mrs. Whipple maintain their residence in Worcester at No. 4 Wheeler Avenue.

HENRY R. FINE—There are many prominent members of the business and professional coterie of Worcester, who, like Henry R. Fine, are of foreign ancestry and by the difference of family background and of point of view add greatly to the well-rounded characteristics of the municipal life and activities. Not so many years ago two brothers came from Russia, of which country they were natives, and with their parents settled in New England. One located in New York; the other, Maurice, by name, came to Boston; married Ida S. Kaplan, of Hopkinton, Massachusetts; and removed to Worcester. They were the parents of Henry R. Fine, who was born at Worcester, May 16, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fine still remain as residents of the city, where the father is engaged in real estate operations.

Henry R. Fine was given the advantages of a public school education, being a graduate of both the grade and the high schools of Worcester, of the latter in 1920. Like many of his ancestry he had the ambition and the ability to stand hard work, to labor and to wait, while preparing himself thoroughly for his chosen career. Mr. Fine matriculated at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, and pursued the regular course of study for two years. He then entered Boston University Law School, from which he was graduated in 1925 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. During the following year he was admitted to the bar of Worcester County and began the practice of his profession. While this practice thus far has been general in character, Mr. Fine has a flair for specialism, is particularly well informed in tort, probate and real estate law, and seems destined to go far in these specialties.

Mr. Fine keeps in touch with his colleagues in the law as a member of the Worcester County Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and B'nai B'rith. He was commissioned lieutenant in the Organized Reserve Corps, United States Army,

A. C. Frey.

in 1931. One of his chief recreations is golf, which he plays as a member of the Marlboro Country Club.

Mr. Fine has his professional offices in the Slater Building, Worcester.

IVAN EDWIN BIGLER—As director of physical education and athletic coach at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Ivan Edwin Bigler takes an important part in the educational life of the city and county of Worcester. He occupies a position of respect and esteem in the minds of his fellowmen, and is able to aid them materially through his work and his counsel.

Mr. Bigler was born at Bradford, Ohio, on December 13, 1892, son of Charles O. and Mary (Wade) Bigler, both of whom are living in the State of Ohio. In the public and high schools he received his early education, later attending Juniata College and there taking his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1914. He was graduated from Springfield College in 1917. Upon completing his academic training, Mr. Bigler was given a commission in the United States Marine Corps with the rank of first lieutenant and was assigned to the Non-Commissioned Officers' School as an instructor. There he remained until 1919, when he was transferred to San Domingo. On December 25, 1920, he resigned his commission, and came to Worcester as director of physical education at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Since that time he has been continuously associated with this institution of learning, now having complete charge of the development of athletics. He was made coach of the baseball, basketball and football teams several years ago and so remains today.

Widely known throughout this region of New England as having introduced many new ideas in physical culture, Mr. Bigler has extended his work into many organizations and departments of Worcester life. He is actively interested in the programs of the Worcester Boys' Club and the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of the Marine Corps League, and also belongs to "The Skull," which he joined in his student days, and the Wachusett Country Club. His church is the Methodist Episcopal, his party the Republican. To each of these organizations and, indeed, to all the activities with which he is concerned, Mr. Bigler regularly contributes of his finest talents and abilities. In his spare time he enjoys hobbies of an outdoor nature, such as hunting and fishing. He also is fond of playing golf.

Ivan Edwin Bigler married, on September 1, 1922, Helen Hathaway, of Bradford, Ohio. They became the parents of two children: Edwin and Mary Bigler, who attend school.

ARTHUR C. FREY—It is said that the ten years of Arthur C. Frey's residence in Worcester coincided with the years of a revolution in the business of the Worcester Gas Light Company. It certainly is more than a coincidence that when he came to take charge of the concern it supplied an average of only 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas a day, and not a dollar of income came from house heating, and that seven years later the city alone consumed daily nearly 5,000,000 cubic feet of gas, and the income from home heating totaled that year $130,000. The use of gas by the manufacturing plants of Worcester had meanwhile risen two hundred and fifty per cent. How much of this remarkable progress was due to the efforts of the company's efficient manager the initiated can guess with a fair degree of accuracy.

Mr. Frey was born at Quakertown, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1889, the son of Eastburn and Emma (Cressman) Frey, both members of old Pennsylvania families. Arthur C. Frey is of the ninth generation of his family in America. His father was an agriculturist throughout most of his life and was particularly noted as a breeder of thoroughbred horses and cattle. Arthur C. Frey grew up on a farm and was educated in the public and high school of Quakertown, being a graduate of the latter institution in 1906. He then went to the Bethlehem Preparatory School to get ready for college and entered Lehigh University in the fall of 1907. In 1911 Mr. Frey was graduated from Lehigh with the degree of Mechanical Engineer and immediately became an employee of the United Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia, as a cadet engineer. He took what was more than the equivalent of three years' training in a school of technology and remained with the company until 1916, at which time he held the post of assistant foreman. On February 16, 1916, he went to Washington, District of Columbia, to serve as assistant to the superintendent of distribution for the United Gas Improvement Corporation, being so engaged for a period of four years, most of which were spent in the Nation's capital, although this large corporation owned and operated five companies. In February, 1920, he went with the Providence, Rhode Island, Gas Company, as the producer plant foreman and general foreman and night manager at various times. July, 1922, saw him employed with the Pawtucket Gas Company as superintendent of distribution. In July, 1924, Mr. Frey came to Worcester as superintendent of the Worcester Gas Light Company's plant, later becoming general superintendent, and in June, 1930, was appointed the manager of the company. Under his direction the corporation has made some remarkable strides in the gas production and sales business. During the period of his connection with the concern miles of pipes have been extended in all directions so that now, instead of serving only the city of Worcester, the plant serves some eighteen towns, and the mains supply eleven others on a wholesale basis. In September, 1931, the company absorbed the West Boston Gas Company and with it a modern coal gas plant at Framingham. The Worcester and Framingham systems are thus tied together in a distributional service which supplies a population of about 375,000 people. On Mr. Frey rests the responsibility of knowning all about everything in this vast business, and that he does know this and gets efficient production and distribution of gas on a basis economical and satisfactory to the thousands served, is well known and appreciated.

His achievement has come as the result of native abilities, capacity to study and to work hard and long. He keeps in close touch with his colleagues in the engineering profession as a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Gas Association, the New England Association of Gas Engineers, and the Worcester Engineering Society. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and he is a popular figure in the activities of the

Kiwanis Club. Although a lover of sports, his business allows him only little time for recreation. He is somewhat of a skilled amateur gardener and gets a great deal of both recreation and pleasure from making the soil produce. Always civic-minded, the communities in which he has lived at various periods of his career have always benefited by his efforts on behalf of the advancement of the municipality and the betterment of its citizens.

On July 21, 1913, Mr. Frey married L. Mabel Stoneback of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children: 1. John Arthur, born June 2, 1917. 2. William S., born May 23, 1921.

ALDUS CHAPIN HIGGINS—As a manufacturer and an inventor Aldus Chapin Higgins figures prominently in the industrial world as president of the Norton Company of Worcester. He has been identified in an active manner with this corporation for upward of a quarter of a century, which period witnessed its greatest growth and development. Born in Worcester December 7, 1872, he is a son of Milton Prince Higgins, who was one of the founders and the first president of the Norton Company, founder of the Worcester Trade School, a member for many years of the faculty of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and actively connected with the industrial and civic affairs of the city. Katharine Elizabeth (Chapin) Higgins, mother of Aldus C. Higgins, was a leader in educational, social and religious activities, prominent in the Young Women's Christian Association and the Daughters of the American Revolution and as president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. According to the family historian, the ancestry on the paternal side traces back to Richard Higgins, who settled in Plymouth in 1633, and to descendants of Elder William Brewster, who came in the "Mayflower." On the maternal side the ancestry is of old American stock dating back to Deacon Samuel Chapin, who was one of the earliest settlers of Springfield, Massachusetts, and whose descendants have been among the leaders in the development of that city, being numbered among its oldest and best known families.

Having passed through the grade and high schools of Worcester, Aldus Chapin Higgins entered the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, completed his course, and was graduated in the class of 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. In 1896 he received from the National University Law School, Washington, District of Columbia, the degree of Bachelor of Laws and later, from the same institution, the degree of Master of Laws. The honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering was conferred upon him by the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1931.

After completing his college course, his first occupation was as assistant examiner in the United States Patent Office in Washington, where he remained for three years. His admission to the Worcester County bar was confirmed in 1896, in which year he engaged in the practice of law, successfully pursuing his profession under his own name for a number of years.

It was in 1901 that he became associated with the Norton Company, giving all his time to its legal affairs and to those of its allied corporations, having the title of general counsel and subsequently being made manager of the abrasive plants. He was appointed secretary and general counsel in 1913 and not long thereafter was elected treasurer and a director of the company, which position he held until January, 1933, when he was elected president of the Norton Company.

Mr. Higgins, on March 13, 1914, was the recipient of the John Scott Medal, which is awarded annually for exceptional achievement in the field of mechanical arts. It was established under the will of John Scott, chemist, of Edinburgh, in 1816. Custodianship of the legacy is in the corporation of Philadelphia and the award was made by the board of directors of City Trusts of Philadelphia to Mr. Higgins for his electric furnace, in which Alundum abrasive is made commercially. The development and manufacture of Alundum abrasive on a commercial basis was started by the Norton Company in 1900 through the initiative of Milton Prince Higgins, the first president of the company. Naturally there were many obstacles that stood in the way of successful production. One of the most difficult of the problems consisted of finding a means of fusing bauxite in quantity, safely under absolute control. The water-cooled electric furnace furnished the solution of this problem. The ability to control the electric furnace processes so as to produce abrasives of varying toughness or temper has been a considerable factor in the development of the grinding wheel industry, and the furnace invented by Mr. Higgins has been of notable importance in this development.

Mr. Higgins has numerous associations outside his executive offices with the Norton Company. He is chairman of the board of directors of the Riley Stoker Corporation of Worcester, director of the Boston and Maine Railroad, director of the Worcester County National Bank, director of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, director of the Merchants and Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, director of the Bancroft Hotel Company, and a director of a number of other corporations. He is also a trustee of the Peoples Saving Bank of Worcester.

He is a life trustee of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, trustee of the Worcester Art Museum, trustee of the Memorial Hospital, and a member and councillor of the American Antiquarian Society. Although he is not now active in political affairs, he held the chairmanship of the Worcester Republican City Committee in 1909. He is affiliated with the Worcester County Bar Association, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants. He is a member and former governor of the Worcester Club and the Tatnuck Country Club, and others of his clubs are the Worcester Economic Club, the University Club of Worcester, and the Union Club of Boston. During the World War period he was chairman of the New England Section of Industrial Training for the War Emergency Committee, and participated as chairman and member of the executive committee in the various patriotic drives and campaigns of his district. He is a member of the First Unitarian Church of Worcester.

Aldus Chapin Higgins married (first), June 6, 1898, Edgenie Brosius, of Washington, District of Columbia, who died September 24, 1911. The children of this marriage are: 1. Elizabeth Brosius, born October 11, 1900; married Vinton Chapin,

who is assistant to the United States Under-Secretary of State. 2. Milton Prince Higgins, born October 28, 1903, who is associated with the Norton Company. Mr. Higgins, married (second), January 16, 1914, Mary Sprague Green, of Worcester, daughter of the late James Green, an attorney-at-law, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have their residence at No. 1 John Wing Road, Worcester.

GEORGE F. FOLEY—In the practice of law and in public life, George F. Foley, of Worcester, has for many years figured prominently in Massachusetts life. His labors have been useful to his fellowmen, and his position is one of leadership and high standing among his colleagues and all who know him.

Mr. Foley was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on November 6, 1896, son of Patrick J. and Mary J. (McManus) Foley. His father, a native of Scotland, came to America with his parents in his youth, settling in Cambridge, where his father was a steamfitter and contractor, later removing to Worcester and continuing in the same type of work. For some time, Patrick J. Foley was a member of the common council of Worcester, and he was a leader in public life until his death in 1930. He was also prominent in politics and in the labor movement. His wife, the mother of the man whose name heads this review, was born in Ireland and also came to the New World early in life.

The man of whom this is primarily a record, George F. Foley, received his early education in the public schools, later attending Boston University Law School, from which he was graduated in 1919 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar of this Comonwealth in the same year, since which he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession.

In the organizations of legal men he has long been a foremost worker. He is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar Association, as well as of the Worcester Bar Association. Early in his career he became interested in politics and public life and served for two years as a member of the Massachusetts State Legislature, in which body he was one of the committee on insurance and the committee on taxation. While serving as a legislator, he introduced a bill that has been of great value to his constituents and to the State, making it possible to bring into the courts of Massachusetts non-resident automobile drivers involved in motor accidents in this State. Before that bill was passed, it was necessary to bring suit in the State courts in the states where the drivers of offending automobiles lived. The new Massachusetts law, introduced by Mr. Foley, was upheld as constitutional in both the Massachusetts Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court. It had a countrywide influence, too; for, since that time, similar legislation has been adopted in other states.

Despite his public activities and his affiliations, however, Mr. Foley has devoted his time and attention primarily to his own practice. In his political alignment he is a staunch Democrat and an adherent to his party's policies and principles. Each of the realms of interest that have from time to time absorbed his attention has received his fullest measure of support and enthusiasm; and, as a result, his position is one of leadership and high standing among his fellowmen in all walks of life.

George F. Foley married, on January 4, 1926, Ellen V. Quinn, of Worcester. By this marriage there have been three sons: 1. George V., born January 31, 1927. 2. William F., born July 12, 1928. 3. David, born February 3, 1930. The Foley family residence is situated at No. 96 Elm Street, Worcester; and Mr. Foley has his law offices in the Slater Building, this city.

ARNOLD F. CARLSON—Among the important business concerns of the county is the Edwin Carlson Lumber Company of Briden Street, Worcester, of which Arnold F. Carlson is treasurer and general manager and Helmer E. Carlson is president. This establishment, now in operation for twenty years, bears the name of the founder, who was one of the most farsighted business leaders of the city.

Edwin Carlson, father of Arnold F. and Helmer E. Carlson, was born in Sweden, died in Worcester in 1928, and practiced the profession of architecture for a number of years. In 1914 he began the operation of a factory at No. 54 Herman street for the purpose of manufacturing interior woodwork. From the beginning the business has prospered, and he soon found it necessary to secure larger quarters. He purchased a considerable area of land on Briden Street and erected his own factory building, with a floor space of more than sixty thousand square feet, and four other buildings, which are used as warehouses. He continued as head of the business until the time of his death, in December, 1928, when the concern was taken over by his sons, Arnold F. and Helmer E. He married Jennie E. Anderson, who was born in Sweden and died in Worcester in 1917.

Arnold F. Carlson was born in Worcester, October 1, 1895, and received his education in the public schools and a business college. He then associated himself with the banking business and was thus occupied for several years. He later joined his father in the management of the Edwin Carlson Lumber Company and has been of invaluable assistance in the development of the business to its present high standing. On the death of the elder Carlson, the sons came into the operating ownership of the company, Arnold F. being made general manager and treasurer, and Helmer E. president. In addition to the manufacture of interior trim, the concern has expanded its business purpose to include the lines of lumber and other materials. The company has a private railroad siding with capacity for six freight cars. Its products are distributed throughout Worcester County and much of the adjacent territory.

When the United States entered the World War, Mr. Carlson enlisted with the infantry and saw service with the American Expeditionary Forces. When honorably discharged he held the warrant of a corporal. He is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and the Royal Arch Masons. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and the Exchange Club of this city. His religious communion is the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Carlson married, in 1920, Edith E. Shogren, a native of Massachusetts, and they have a daughter, Martha J., born March 23, 1923. The Carlson family home is at No. 23 Suburban Road, Worcester.

EDWIN E. BROWN—Operator in real estate and insurance, in which field he has encountered an unusual volume of business since the commencement of his career, Edwin E. Brown is one of the prominent business men of his city. Worcester, city and county, both, have cause to know him well; for he has been identified with the progressive undertakings of county and city since an early day.

Born in Ware Village, Massachusetts, on January 5, 1853, he is a son of Shepard Darwin and Clarissa Brown, both of whom are remembered by the older inhabitants of Worcester.

It was during the 'sixties that the Browns came here from Ware Village; and hence, from Civil War times down to the present, the family has been one of the outstanding families in the history of the city, father and son having participated in useful ventures.

Edwin E. Brown attended the public schools of Worcester and has always regarded this as his native place, as his earliest memories include pictures of Worcester in times just after the Civil War. He engaged as insurance and realty broker at the outset of his active career and through the succeeding years has added materially and steadily to his ever-increasing reputation in this field of activity. He does a great deal in the field of mortgages, making this end of the business his principal one.

Mr. Brown has been married twice, and each union has been without issue. He contributes continuously to the welfare of his community, supporting its worthy undertakings as a public-spirited citizen, and is recognized for his helpfulness in many directions.

WILLIAM CLEMENT MARBLE—No history of the industries of Worcester could be written without space being given to the Marble name and deeds. The Curtis and Marble Machine Company—there are now none but Marbles numbered among its officials—is the oldest of its kind under one family and one of the largest manufacturers of textile finishing machinery in the world. Of this corporation, more later. William Clement Marble is the son of Edwin Tyler and Harriet Hamilton (Chase) Marble, the former of whom was the founder of the company. The first American progenitor of this sturdy and distinguished family was Samuel Marble, Puritan, of English ancestry, who was a pioneer settler of Andover, Massachusetts. His son, Freegrace, was one of those who helped to establish the town of Sutton and was the forebear of nearly all the old Marble families in Worcester County. One of his sons was Malachi, father of Royal Tyler Marble, who, with Anne Bailey (Clement) Marble, were the parents of Edwin Tyler Marble, born in Sutton, August 18, 1827, and who died in Worcester, July 3, 1910.

William Clement Marble was born December 4, 1861, at Worcester. He was given the education provided by the public schools and was graduated from Classical High School in 1881. He at once entered business life in the Curtis and Marble Machine Company. He has lived with it his whole industrial career, serving in various capacities, until there are few parts of the business with which he has not had some experience. Upon the death of his father and the reorganization of the company, he was elected vice-president and secretary, a post which he has held since that time. He is also a director of the Fremont Casting Company, a subsidiary of the Curtis and Marble Machine Company. Mr. Marble has always been actively interested in the progress and betterment of Worcester, and in his own quiet fashion has done a great deal to further the advancement of the municipality. He is a member of the Worcester Economic Club, the Worcester Mechanics Association, the local Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Congregational Club, and the Worcester County Republican Club.

William Clement Marble married, in 1890, Mary R. Happoldt, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who died in 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Marble were the parents of four children: 1. Edwin T., of further mention. 2. Frances E., who married C. Grove Haines and has a daughter, Frances Marble Haines. 3. Harriet C., now the wife of Vernon A. Jones; they have one daughter, Patricia. 4. Eleanor Mary.

Edwin Tyler Marble, only son of William Clement and Mary Rosina (Happoldt) Marble, was born in Boylston, Massachusetts, August 15, 1894, his birthplace, "Hillside," having formerly been the home of John B. Gough, the famous temperance lecturer of a generation ago. He was educated in the public schools, finishing with graduation from the South High School, Worcester, class of 1913; Phillips-Exeter Academy, 1914; and Harvard University, class of 1918. In his junior year, 1917, and near the close of the college year, he entered the service of his country, being one of the first students to enroll in Harvard Reserve Officers' Training Corps. His military career follows: Entered Officers' Training Camp, Plattsburg, New York, August, 1917; transferred to Coast Artillery Officers' Training Camp, Fortress Monroe, Virginia, September 22; commissioned second lieutenant of the Coast Artillery Corps, November 27; assigned to 28th Company, Boston, Fort Standish, Massachusetts, December 15; appointed material officer in March, 1918; transferred to 32d Company, Boston, August 12; to September Automatic Replacement Draft, September 3; sailed for France, September 23; detailed to Heavy Artillery Training Battalion, October 22; assigned to 43d Artillery (C. A. C.), December 4; returned to United States, January 1, 1919; discharged, January 14, 1919.

After the return of Lieutenant Marble from the army he entered Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. In 1919 he was awarded his Bachelor of Arts, as of 1918 (war degree), by Harvard College. In June, 1920, he was graduated M. B. A. (Master of Business Administration) and at once entered business life with the Curtis and Marble Machine Company.

He is a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Worcester Economic Club; the Dickens Fellowship; Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity; Harvard Club of Worcester. He married Helen H. Skinner, of West Roxbury, Massachusetts; they have one daughter, Rosemary.

An outline of the history of the Curtis and Marble Machine Company is as follows:

The first record of a textile machine manufactured in Worcester is in 1811, when William Hovey

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contrived a novel device for shearing the nap, or fuzz, and long fibres from woolen fabrics. These machines, in constantly improved forms, were constructed by succeeding concerns until 1831, when the firm making them was known as John Simmons and Company, of which Albert Curtis was a partner. In 1833 Mr. Curtis was the sole owner of the plant. Edwin Tyler Marble, father of the subject of this review, served his three years' apprenticeship in this shop, learning the machinist's trade. He later worked in a number of Worcester machine shops, including A. and F. Thayer; Thayer, Houghton and Company, E. C. Cleveland and Company, as journeyman, foreman and superintendent. In 1863 he became a partner of Mr. Curtis to form the firm of Curtis and Marble, manufacturers of machinery for finishing woolen, silk, and cotton fabrics. The plant, at that time, was on the present site of the electric light power station on Webster Street. In April, 1895, Mr. Marble purchased the interest of Mr. Curtis and organized and incorporated a company, known as the Curtis and Marble Machine Company, with Edwin T. Marble as president and treasurer, a post he held to the time of his death, in 1910. Since that time the corporation has been owned by his four sons, with Edwin H. Marble, president; William C. Marble, vice-president and secretary; Charles F. Marble, treasurer; and Albert C. Marble, general superintendent. The plant turns out machinery for use in textile mills and similar factories, specializing in picking, burring and mixing machines, and cloth finishing machinery for cotton, woolen, worsted and felt goods, velvets, plushes, corduroys, silks, embroideries, carpets, rugs. The services of about one hundred and seventy-five employees are required; the plant now occupies several acres of floor space at No. 72 Cambridge Street, and their products are sent to all parts of the globe. It is the oldest under one family, and one of the largest companies manufacturing textile machinery in the world.

CALVIN B. FARNSWORTH—Ingenuity, rising to the height of invention, and resourcefulness approaching genius, have been characteristic of the Farnsworth family and their connections with the affairs of Worcester and New England covering a period of nearly a century. Calvin B. Farnsworth is the third of that given name of the last four generations, and is well known among the younger business men of the city as the president of one of the important concerns. He was born in Worcester, March 18, 1901, the son of George Bartlett and Phoebe (Sykes) Farnsworth, the latter a native of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, and the former born May 17, 1865, in Worcester. George B. Farnsworth was the proprietor of the School Street Storage Warehouse, which, re-organized and incorporated as a company, is now under the leadership of the son.

The grandfather, Calvin Farnsworth, Jr., was the founder of the baggage transfer and carriage service, and of the baggage checking service at the Union Railroad Station, ideas now found in one form or another all over the United States. He was born at Lunenburg, Massachusetts, November 20, 1831, son of Calvin and Pluma (Adams) Farnsworth. His father was born in Shirley, 1799, died in 1879; for many years a manufacturer of band-boxes; inventor of machinery for making the material for his business. Jesse Farnsworth, father of Calvin Farnsworth, Sr., married Sarah Sawtell, whose father, Obadiah Sawtell, was a soldier in the Revolution, town clerk, selectman, delegate to the Provincial Congress and the first constitutional convention of Massachusetts. Joseph Farnsworth, father of Jesse Farnsworth, a native of Groton, was selectman; he was a son of Jonathan Farnsworth, grandson of Jonathan Farnsworth, Sr., and great-grandson of Matthias Farnsworth, the pioneer, who was born in England and came to Lynn, Massachusetts. He was a weaver by trade.

Calvin B. Farnsworth was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and was prepared for college at Peddie Institute, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1921. Matriculating at Middlebury College, Vermont, he was graduated with the class of 1926, holding the degree of Bachelor of Science. His college days over, Mr. Farnsworth returned to Worcester, and with his brother, Thornton, took over the storage business, which had been incorporated in July, 1924, as the School Street Storage Warehouse Company, with himself as president; Thornton A. Farnsworth, secretary, and Mrs. Phoebe S. Farnsworth as treasurer. The official roster has been slightly changed in recent years, Phoebe S. Farnsworth acting as secretary and Thornton as treasurer; Calvin B., continuing as president. This large concern uses about 80,000 square feet of storage space in two buildings, one of seven stories, fireproof; and another of four stories, non-fireproof. The company contracts for moving, packing, moth-proofing and similar activities. It sells new and used furniture, and maintains an auction room. It runs a number of motor trucks and vans, and are the hauling agents for the Allied Van Lines. It also holds membership in the National Warehousing Association.

Mr. Farnsworth has entered largely into the social and civic life of Worcester. He is a member of the Commonwealth Club, and vice-president of the Turkey Hill Polo Club. He is also vice-president of the New England Fair, assuming the office in 1931. Mr. Farnsworth is a lover of horses and sports; polo and golf are among his chief recreations. He is a Republican in his political views; his church is the Old South Church. He is a member of the Rotary Club and Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

On May 1, 1928, Calvin B. Farnsworth married Ruth M. Hathaway, of Worcester, and they are the parents of a son, Calvin Bartlett, II, born September 23, 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth maintain their residence at "Ridgewood," West Boyleston, Massachusetts.

GEORGE A. WELLS—When George A. Wells, now the sole owner, editor and publisher of the "Worcester Sunday Herald," was only twenty years of age, he was acting publisher in active charge of the "Southbridge Daily News." He refers to this record with modest pride, since he claims to have been the youngest editor and publisher of a city newspaper in the United States at that time. Practically all his business life has been identified with newspaper work in some form or other.

Mr. Wells' father, Frank W. Wells, was born in Gloucester, this State, and died in 1925. He was general manager of the Worcester Economy Stores

He married Emily W. Dumas, a native of Webster, in this county.

George A. Wells was born in Worcester and received his education in the public schools. He started his journalistic career with the old "Worcester Post," which paper he served in various departments, chiefly in the advertising department. After severing his connection with the "Post," he worked on different newspapers throughout the country until 1932. In that year he returned to his native city and founded the "Worcester Sunday Herald." Beginning in a small way, he safely and successfully negotiated the difficulties that usually beset a new enterprise. Today the "Sunday Herald" has a circulation of more than 20,000 copies per issue, its distribution being principally within a radius of twenty miles of Worcester. It is regarded as an aggressive and influential organ in the community it serves.

Mr. Wells is affiliated with a number of newspaper associations. He is also a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and Worcester Ad Club.

Mr. Wells married, in 1931, Jean Lyons, a native of New Hampshire, and they have a son, Bruce Edward, born July 20, 1932. The family resides at No. 122 Lake Avenue, Shrewsbury, and Mr. Wells' editorial rooms are at No. 22 Mechanic Street, Worcester.

B. LARZ NEWTON—The interesting career of B. Larz Newton, well known lawyer of Worcester, has carried him into many parts of the world and given him an experience and breadth of outlook which has helped to make him a useful citizen in the civic and cultural life of the community.

He was born at Leeds, Yorkshire, England, and received the preliminaries of his education abroad. Coming to New England, he studied at Harvard University, class of 1918, entered the service of the United States Government during the World War, serving as a member of the famous Harvard Regiment and in the United States Army Intelligence Department, at Camp Upton, New York.

Upon his honorable discharge from the army, Mr. Newton continued the study of law, begun early at Boston University, from whose law college he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1920. His record as a student was notable, and he was honored with the appointment of class orator. Admitted to the bar he began the practice of his profession at Worcester and has come to be recognized as one of its successful lawyers. He has identified himself with the activities of the civic, cultural and humanitarian movements of the city. He is a member of the Sons of St. George, and the Harvard Club, and is an associate member of the Players Club.

He was treasurer of the George Washington Bi-Centennial Commission of Worcester.

It will be recalled by many that Mr. Newton, lover of books, has presented, at various times, libraries to Temple Emanuel, Mount Pleasant Country Club, and the Young Men's Hebrew Association. He selected the Jewish library presented to Holy Cross College by the B'nai B'rith.

In 1924 he attended at London the American Bar Convention, as did Chief Justice Rugg and Hon. George R. Stobbs. A staunch Republican in politics, he was founder and first president of the Boston University Republican Club.

On June 6, 1926, Mr. Newton married Nancy DaCosta Swaebe, whose ancestors, Spanish Jews, were among the first families to settle in England in the fifteenth century. Mrs. Newton received her early education in England and France and later was graduated from the School of Social Science, Simmons College. For several years she was engaged in social welfare work in New York City. She is a member of the Tatnuck Women's Club and Simmons College Club, and an associate member of the Players Club. Mr. and Mrs. Newton have been identified with the Boston Ethical Society. They are the parents of a daughter, Gail Frances Newton, born July 28, 1927.

NATHAN JOSEPHS—During sixteen years of active practice as a Certified Public Accountant under the laws of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Nathan Josephs has become well known in the business life of Worcester and the vicinity. In 1931 he successfully passed the Massachusetts bar examinations and entered the practice of law in addition to his practice as a Certified Public Accountant, and although a member of the bar for only a few years he now devotes a considerable part of his time and effort to the legal profession. His ability in both fields has won him wide recognition.

Mr. Josephs was born on May 15, 1888, in Bessarabia, then a part of Russia. He is a son of Burrill and Alice (Weiss) Josephs. His boyhood years were spent in his native land, where he received a high school education, but at the age of seventeen he came to America, seeking the larger opportunities to be found in this country. This was in 1905. Settling in Worcester, Mr. Josephs was employed in various shops of the city while attending night school and in this way mastered the English language. After one year he entered evening high school, from which he was graduated following two years of study, and then attended day high school for a further period of one year. Subsequently he entered Boston University College of Business Administration, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration on the completion of the required course in 1917. Mr. Josephs had studied to become a Certified Public Accountant. He passed the New Hampshire State examinations and later those of the State of Massachusetts as a Certified Public Accountant and has been engaged successfully in practice as a Certified Public Accountant for the past sixteen years, chiefly at Worcester. Gradually, however, he came to realize the value of legal training and in 1927 enrolled in the Law School of Northeastern University at Worcester. He was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in June, 1931, and in the fall of the same year was admitted to the Massachusetts bar. His services are largely in demand by business interests of Worcester.

Mr. Josephs is an associate of the American Institute of Accountants and a member of the Worcester County Bar Association. In other fields he is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. He

is also a member of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith.

On April 11, 1924, Nathan Josephs married Cecile M. Morse of Boston. They are the parents of two children: 1. Malcolm J., born June 27, 1925. 2. Burrill N., born September 16, 1926. They reside at their home at No. 25 Colonial Road, Worcester.

JOHN JOSEPH BARRY—Active in many different branches of Worcester County life, John Joseph Barry has come to be widely known for his work in business, civic and social affairs. Athletics have always intensely interested him, and he has continued some of his coaching activities since becoming a business leader through partnership in the Fay-Barry Motor Company, Ford dealers in Worcester.

Mr. Barry was born in Meriden, Connecticut, on April 26, 1887, son of Patrick J. and Mary (Doohan) Barry. His father is now deceased. In the public schools he received his early education, later attending Holy Cross College. In 1908 he became the property of the Philadelphia American League Baseball Club, with whom he remained throughout their reign as champions. In 1915, when Connie Mack broke up this splendid team, Jack Barry was sold to the Boston Red Sox, with whom he remained until 1919. In 1917 he managed this club. In 1919 he retired from professional baseball to devote his entire time to the Fay-Barry Motor Company, in which he had been a partner from 1910. He has, since that time, given his whole energies to this motor company, which has the Ford agency in this territory, with the exception of his coaching activities at Holy Cross, his *alma mater*. At Holy Cross, he has built up a considerable reputation as a baseball coach; and he stands on a level with the leaders in college baseball coaching throughout the country. He began his coaching work at Holy Cross in 1921.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Barry is active in civic, social and fraternal life. He is a member of several organizations prominent in these varied endeavors, including the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Washington Club, the Wachusett Country Club, and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. Every organization or activity with which he has been associated has in some definite way benefited from his work in its behalf; and his position is, therefore, one of high trust and respect in his community and county. In spare time he mostly enjoys outdoor life, being particularly fond of baseball, golf and fishing. A Roman Catholic in his religious views, he is a member of St. Mary's parish, of Shrewsbury.

John Joseph (Jack) Barry married, on January 17, 1911, Margaret Frances McDonough, of Worcester.

FRANK DOWD COMERFORD—To the presidency of the New England Power Association, one of the largest organizations in the East in the public utilities field, the directors called, in 1927, Frank D. Comerford, of Boston, who stands in the front rank of executives in this phase of commercial activity and is a well-known member of the Massachusetts bar. He is also officially or in a directorial capacity connected with numerous other corporations of a public service or a financial character. While his principal office is in Boston and his home is in Framingham, he has a large acquaintance in Worcester, his native city and home of the Worcester division of the New England Power Association.

Frank Dowd Comerford was born in Worcester, July 31, 1893, the son of Patrick and Mary Jane (Dowd) Comerford. He was graduated from Holy Cross College in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and his training for the legal profession was received at Harvard University, whose law school made him a Bachelor of Laws in 1917. In the same year he was admitted to the bar of this State and became an associate of the law firm of Ropes, Gray, Boyden and Perkins, with whom he remained until 1927, having for the last two years of this connection been a member of the firm.

Mr. Comerford was chosen president of the New England Power Association in 1927. He is chairman of the board of the Worcester Electric Light Company; president of the Connecticut River Power Company, Massachusetts Power and Light Associates, Charles H. Tenney and Company, New England Power Engineering and Service Corporation and North Boston Lighting Properties; vice-president of the International Hydro-Electric System and International Paper and Power Company; director and member of the executive committee of the First National Bank of Boston, Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, Narragansett Electric Light Company, Wiggin Terminal Company; director of the Beverly Gas and Electric Company, Eastern Massachusetts Electric Company, Gloucester Electric Company, Green Mountain Power Corporation, Haverhill Electric Company, International Paper Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Malden Electric Company, Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company, New England Power Company, Old Colony Trust Company, Rhode Island Public Service Company, Salem Electric Lighting Company, Salem Gas Light Company, Salem Terminal Company, State Mutual Life Assurance Company, Suburban Gas and Electric Company, United Electric Railways Company; trustee of the Massachusetts Lighting Companies, Massachusetts Utilities Associates, Edison Electric Institute, Massachusetts Gas and Electric Association.

He is a member of the Bar Association of the City of Boston, Boston Chamber of Commerce, Harvard Club, Boston Athletic Association, Boston Art Club, Exchange Club of Boston, Turks Head Club of Providence, Engineers Club of Boston, Harvard Club of New York, Algonquin Club of Boston, Clover Club of Boston, and Framingham Country Club. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Comerford married, June 17, 1929, Mary Margaret McLoughlin, also of Worcester, and they have three children: 1. Frank D., Jr., born April 14, 1930. 2. Mary, born April 14, 1932. 3. John, born September 30, 1933. They have their residence in Framingham, and Mr. Comerford has his offices at No. 89 Broad Street, Boston. Worcester County does not, however, relinquish her claim upon him as one of her native sons of distinction.

GEORGE CHANDLER LINCOLN, M. D.—In the practice of his specialty, Dr. George Chandler Lincoln has attained a prominent position among the medical fraternity of Massachu-

setts. Dr. Lincoln served overseas in the United States Army Medical Corps in the World War and since the war has confined his attention to medical practice in Worcester.

Daniel Waldo and Frances Fiske (Merrick) Lincoln, paternal grandparents of Dr. Lincoln, were early settlers of Worcester County. Their son, the late Waldo Lincoln, born in Worcester, December 31, 1849, died April 7, 1933, was a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard College, and at the university he took a post-graduate course in the Lawrence Scientific School. After twenty years engaged in the manufacture of chemicals and paints in Worcester, he was associated with banks, other corporations, charitable organizations and historical societies. He was elected president of the American Antiquarian Society as the successor of the late Edward Everett Hale. In the building of the present library structure at Worcester, arranging the books, manuscripts and other material, he gave a large part of his time for a number of years. He married, June 24, 1873, at Worcester, Fanny Chandler, a daughter of George and Josephine (Rose) Chandler, and a descendant of John Wilkes (5), Peter (4), Joseph (3), John (2), and William (1) Chandler. She was a member of a number of learned, patriotic and social organizations. The children of this marriage follow: 1. Dr. Merrick Lincoln, a well-known Worcester physician. 2. Josephine Rose, married Frank Farnum Dresser. 3. Daniel Wade Lincoln, a lawyer, of Worcester. 4. George Chandler Lincoln, of whom further. 5. Dorothy, died April 1, 1909, in her twentieth year.

George Chandler Lincoln was born in Worcester, August 6, 1884. After attending private schools in his native city and the Hackley School at Tarrytown, New York, he entered Harvard College, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1905. Two years thereafter he spent in connection with the telephone business in Kansas City, Missouri. He then returned to Harvard and took his medical course at the university medical school, which gave him his Doctor of Medicine at graduation in 1911. His interneship was served at the Worcester City Hospital for eighteen months and at the Boston Dispensary.

He began practice in Worcester, he and his brother, Dr. Merrick Lincoln, sharing offices at No. 2 Linden Street. In 1915 he took a nine months' post-graduate course at the Boston Lying-in Hospital and thereafter made obstetrics his specialty. He was in the midst of a growing practice, when, in April, 1918, he offered his services to the government as a medical officer in the World War. They were accepted and he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps, May 10, 1918. He sailed for France on July 28 and was stationed at Base Hospital No. 101 at St. Nazaire until February 28, 1919, when he was ordered to proceed to the University of Toulouse for a course of instruction. He was commissioned a captain, September 2, 1918, and promoted to major, May 2, 1919. His honorable discharge was received at Camp Dix, New Jersey, June 13, 1919.

On his return to Worcester, he resumed his practice and specialty, being appointed obstetrician of the Worcester Memorial Hospital. He is a member of the American Medical Association, Massachusetts State Medical Society, Worcester District Medical Society, and New England Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology. A number of articles from his pen have appeared in medical journals. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Tatnuck Country Club of Worcester, Harvard Club of Boston, Worcester Club, and the First Unitarian Church.

Dr. Lincoln married, June 8, 1921, Dorothy Hardy, daughter of Rufus Byam and Alice Lyndon (Bowen) Richardson, of Woodstock, Connecticut. They have their home at No. 51 Elm Street, and the doctor his offices at No. 36 Pleasant Street, Worcester. Mrs. Lincoln (then Dorothy Hardy Richardson) went to France in February, 1918, as assistant to Mrs. Winifred Holt Mather in her work among blinded French soldiers and was stationed in Paris and Vichy. In October, 1918, she was given charge of the reëducation of the blinded soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces at Base Hospital No. 8 at Savenay and remained there for five months. In March, 1919, she returned to America with the last contingent of blinded soldiers and then served for one year as hostess at "Evergreen," Red Cross Institute for the Blind, at Baltimore, Maryland. She is a member of the Players Club and L'Alliance Française.

WORCESTER WIRE WORKS, INC., was organized in 1918 by Charles O. Johnson as president, Nils Bjork (q. v.), as treasurer and Victor E. Runo as secretary, for the manufacture of steel wire. The company acquired a tract of land on South Ludlow Street, Worcester, adjoining the Jamesville Station on the Boston and Albany Railroad, where it built a small manufacturing plant and began operations in 1919. As the business increased building additions were erected from time to time and adjoining land was acquired, so that the company now owns and operates a factory with over 100,000 feet of floor space situated on a tract of twenty acres. The company makes steel wires in both high and low carbon which it sells to other manufacturers in the United States and abroad. All wire is made to customers' specifications and considerable quantities are used by manufacturers of wire rope, automobile tire manufacturers for reinforcement in tire beads, steel brush manufacturers, also by makers of card clothing which is used in the textile industry. This company serves over three hundred factories in various industries and has enjoyed a continuous growth since its foundation. The present officers are Nils Bjork, president and treasurer, and Victor E. Runo, vice-president and secretary.

NILS BJORK—As president and treasurer of the Worcester Wire Works, Inc., Nils Bjork occupies an important position in the industrial life of this city. He has numerous other local connections, however, and for more than thirty years has played an active part in Worcester affairs.

Mr. Bjork was born at Rydsgard, Skane, Sweden, on March 13, 1871, a son of Pehr and Kjerstin (Nilsson) Bjork. He received his education in Swedish schools and in 1888 came to America. In 1889 he settled in Worcester where he has since made his home. In this city, Mr. Bjork was first employed by the Davis and Davis Company, clothiers, and subsequently by Gately and O'Gor-

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man, later the Fowler Furniture Company. In 1898, however, he entered the millinery business and with the aid of his wife opened a small store on Main Street, Worcester. With the growth of the business, this store was enlarged several times and in 1914, when the Worcester Bank and Trust Company building on Franklin Street was completed, very attractive and spacious quarters were leased there. These were occupied until 1917, when the bank required more room and bought in the lease. Mr. Bjork then leased the present building Nos. 379-393 Main Street. Meanwhile the company had grown steadily and in 1913 was incorporated with Nils Bjork as president and treasurer; Herman Bjork, secretary; and Hans Wickstrom, a director of the company with its officers. For many years, Bjork's Store was one of the largest stores devoted exclusively to millinery in New England. Both wholesale and retail departments were established and each enjoyed an extensive trade. In more recent years an operating company has been formed for the store.

Mr. Bjork was also a founder of the Worcester Wire Works, Inc. (q. v.), whose successful record is well known to Worcester industrialists. He has devoted most of his time to this company since its organization as president and treasurer. In addition, Mr. Bjork is a director and treasurer of the Skandia Bank and Trust Company and a member of its board of investment. He has been for many years a director of the Worcester County National Bank and is a trustee of the Five Cents Savings Bank. These enterprises have all benefited by his long business experience and soundness of judgment.

In spite of the pressure of his own affairs, Mr. Bjork has been active in many civic movements and has contributed generously to the support of community institutions. He was for several years a director of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, is prominent in the work of the First Swedish Baptist Church and is president of the Fairlawn Hospital, in which he is much interested. He is a member of the Worcester Country Club and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory.

On August 14, 1892, Nils Bjork married Hannah Elizabeth Dahlin, who was born at Falun, Sweden. They have one adopted daughter, Viola Dorothy, who married Paul R. Swan, and two grandchildren, Pauline Elizabeth and William Nelson Swan.

ALFRED W. JORDAN—Engaged for many years in engineering and construction work, Alfred W. Jordan has been associated since 1921 in varying capacities with Tucker and Rice, Inc., of Worcester. He is now vice-president and a director of this organization, one of the oldest and largest companies of its kind in New England.

Mr. Jordan was born August 9, 1895, at Plymouth, Massachusetts, son of John E. and Alice F. (Blanchard) Jordan. Both his parents lived at Plymouth, the father dying in 1920 and the mother still making her home in that city. John E. Jordan was engaged in the hardware and plumbing business. In the public schools, Alfred W. Jordan, of this review, received his early education, later studying at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, in Worcester, though he never took any formal degree from this institution. Beginning his career actively in association with the Samuel A. Herzog Company, of New York, he devoted his attention to engineering and construction work. With them he remained for two years, at the end of that period joining forces with the Aberthaw Company. Meanwhile, he had also spent two years with the E. J. Cross Company. Then, in 1921, as noted above, he associated himself with Tucker and Rice, Inc., which he has since that time served in numerous departments and capacities, rising to the vice-president's chair and the directorship that he now holds.

No account of the life of Mr. Jordan would be complete without some record of the Tucker and Rice organization itself, in which he has played so prominent a part. The business was established first in 1838 by Nathaniel J. Tucker under the name of N. J. Tucker and Son, and its purpose was to make sanitary plumbing and ventilation devices. In 1891 the founder turned over the business to William F. Tucker, his son, who conducted it until 1908. Then the name of Tucker and Rice was adopted, with William F. Tucker and Walter C. Rice as partners. In 1914 Mr. Rice bought the interest of his partner, and since then he has conducted the business. In 1914 the plant was situated at No. 165 Commercial Street, Worcester, but on March 1, 1932, it was removed to No. 11 Garden Street, the present site. It does a general contracting business in plumbing and heating and in the sprinkler trade, also selling the "Quiet May" Oil Burner. As vice-president and director of the company, Mr. Jordan has participated materially in its development, and has been increasingly recognized as a leader in Worcester life.

Here he has been in charge of heating construction in some of the largest jobs done in the United States, and his opinions have been sought on innumerable occasions by those who have come to regard him as an expert in his field. He has participated more and more extensively in civic and social affairs, affiliating himself with the Worcester Country Club, the Boston Engineers' Club, and the Kiwanis Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons, he is affiliated with Quinsigamond Lodge, and has taken all degrees in the order up to and including the eighteenth. Every organization and project with which Mr. Jordan has concerned himself has in some definite way benefited by his constructive efforts in its behalf, and, as a result, he is highly regarded and esteemed by all who know him in all walks of life. His warm enthusiasm for the best and most progressive movements in local civic life has won for him a reputation for understanding and forward-looking leadership.

Alfred W. Jordan married, in 1916, Madeline R. Townsend, a Massachusetts woman. By this marriage there has been born one child, a daughter, Barbara R. Jordan, on February 4, 1918. The Jordans live at No. 126 Coolidge Road.

RAYMOND C. ABBEY—Intensely interested in the industrial situation in this county, Raymond C. Abbey, president of the Sherman Envelope Company, is making his contributions to the business advance and forward civic movements of the city. Born in Chester, Connecticut, September 15, 1888, he is the son of G. Myron Abbey, a manufacturer, who died in 1922 and Ida (Conklin) Abbey. From the public schools of his native

town Raymond C. Abbey entered Suffield Academy, Suffield, Connecticut, where he prepared for taking higher courses. He was graduated from Trinity College, Hartford Connecticut, in the class of 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He was engaged in the paper manufacturing business from the time of leaving college until 1920 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He then became associated with the Marcus Ward Company of New York as superintendent of its factory. In 1932 he was elected president of the Sherman Envelope Company of Worcester, to succeed Charles St. Thomas and came to this city to reside.

During the World War he enlisted for service in the infantry, whence he was transferred to the ordnance department and given the commission of first lieutenant. His college fraternity is I. K. A. As president of the Sherman Envelope Company he has his office at No. 60 Prescott Street, Worcester.

E. WAYNE BOYD—Throughout his business career, E. Wayne Boyd has been identified with the envelope making industry, having become known as a master craftsman and an expert in office and executive management. From the humblest station he has advanced to vice-president, superintendent and office manager of the Sherman Envelope Company of Worcester and has helped make this concern one of the important units in this line.

Mr. Boyd was born in Worcester, October 19, 1883, the son of John A. and Maria Florence Boyd, formerly of Milford; the father, who passed away in 1917, at one time followed the occupation of a salesman. Educated in the public schools of Worcester, E. Wayne Boyd was in his early youth, when he entered the employ of the Logan, Swift and Brigham Company, of this city, manufacturers of envelopes. In 1904 he transferred to the Sherman Envelope Company. It was in this connection that he actually obtained his intimate knowledge of the industry. Making himself master of every process in the production of envelopes, he advanced grade by grade, filling positions of increasing responsibility as he endeavored to make himself indispensable to the concern's success. In 1922 he was promoted to superintendent of the entire factory as the successor of George A. Rogers. He next was made office manager, and this was followed by election as vice-president. All three of these offices he has since filled and he has become well known to the envelope trade throughout the country.

He is affiliated with the independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a Past Noble Grand of his local lodge, and with Mount Vernon Encampment. His chief interest is in his home and family and in the business of the Sherman Envelope Company, having an especial pride in his long period of service for this concern.

Mr. Boyd married, in 1904, Florence P. Wood, a native of this State, and their children are: 1. George W., born January 23, 1905, graduated at Boston University with the degree of Master in Business Administration. 2. Florence I., born September 14, 1915. 3. Earle K., born August 1, 1918. Mr. Boyd and his family reside at No. 93 Eunice Avenue, and he has his business address at the Sherman Envelope Company, No. 60 Prescott Street, Worcester.

FRANK L. DAVIS—An accountant and auditor of long experience and distinguished record, Frank L. Davis is now a member of the firm of Cochran and Davis at Worcester. He has devoted his active career almost entirely to the New England textile industry and is thoroughly familiar with business practices and methods as they affect this industry, rising to responsible position through the merits of his services.

Mr. Davis was born in Vermont on May 2, 1880, a son of Frank M. and Ella A. (Todd) Davis. His father, who died in 1932, was a telegrapher by profession, making his home at Keene, New Hampshire, for many years. Ella A. (Todd) Davis, the mother, died in 1925.

Frank L. Davis received a public school education and on completing the high school course began his business career as an accountant with the Wilton Woolen Mills at Wilton, New Hampshire. Later he served this organization in various other capacities until he rose to the highest executive office, that of agent in full charge of the mills. He was associated with this company altogether for some seventeen years. At the end of that time he removed to Millbury, Massachusetts, as office manager of the woolen mills in operation there, remaining until 1921. In the latter year he became connected with the Cochran interests at Worcester as accountant and auditor and in 1930 became a partner in the firm of Cochran and Davis. Mr. Davis is regarded as one of the leaders of his profession in this city and in addition to his regular connections is extensively employed by local corporations to check their books and prepare all necessary tax returns. His services in this capacity are of recognized value.

Mr. Davis has never sought public office, but during the period of the World War he served efficiently as chairman of all the Liberty Loan drives in the town of Wilton, New Hampshire. He was also a member of the board of education there and capably filled several other similar positions. Mr. Davis is a member of the Unitarian Church and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the Masonic Order he is a Past Master of his Blue Lodge and a member of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

In 1907, Frank L. Davis married Eva H. Putnam. They are the parents of three children: 1. Hamilton L., who attended Burdette Business College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is now entering upon a career of great promise. 2. Richard G. 3. Dorothy.

HASKELL TALAMO, M. D.—One of the well-known physicians of Worcester is Dr. Haskell Talamo, who has his offices at No. 27 Elm Street and makes a specialty of children's diseases.

Dr. Haskell Talamo was born in Worcester, April 15, 1896, son of Jacob D. Talamo, a native of Pennsylvania, and of Fanny E. (Feingold) Talamo, who was born in Rutland, Vermont. Dr. Talamo's father has for many years been a resident of Worcester, where he is proprietor of the Empire Woolen Company, which handles an extensive business as a jobber in woolens. Jacob D. and Fanny E. Talamo had four children, three of whom are still living. They are: 1. Joseph Talamo, an attor-

ney-at-law. 2. Abbee Winthrop, also an attorney. 3. Dr. Haskell Talamo, of this review. Dr. Talamo received his early education in the public schools of Worcester and then entered Clark University, in Worcester, from which he was graduated with the class of 1916. Some time later he began his professional training in Harvard Medical School, at Cambridge, where he completed his course with graduation in 1926. An interneship of two years in Worcester City Hospital greatly extended his knowledge and his practical experience, and he gave special attention to the care of children and to the treatment of children's diseases. After the completion of his interneship he went to Cornell University for a special course in pediatrics. In 1929 Dr. Talamo began practice in Worcester, making a specialty of children's diseases, and in that special field he has already built up a large and important practice and won a wide recognition. Though young in years of practice, Dr. Talamo has given much study to his special field of practice, and there are few physicians, even twice his age, who can equal him in skill in dealing with children's diseases. His patients come to him from all parts of Worcester and from a wide area surrounding that city, and each year brings a substantial increase to his already large practice.

Dr. Talamo is a member of the Worcester District Medical Society, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the New England Pediatric Society.

P. WALTER FAY—As treasurer and general manager of the Fay-Barry Motor Company at Worcester, P. Walter Fay directs the operation of an enterprise which he helped to build from small beginnings to its present position as one of the most important automobile companies in this section. The Fay-Barry Motor Company is the oldest and largest Ford Agency in the entire county and their garage and repair shops are among the largest in the city of Worcester.

Mr. Fay was born on August 10, 1882, in County Galway, Ireland, a son of Patrick and Ellen (Fahey) Fay, both natives of that county and both now deceased. The father was a merchant and farmer by occupation.

P. Walter Fay came to America in early life and settled at Worcester, where he received his education in the public schools. Later he also attended Hinman's Business College. From boyhood he was always interested in mechanics so it was natural that he should choose this field in beginning his active career. After a few years' work as a mechanic, he started in business for himself with Daniel Higgins under the name of Fay and Higgins, opening a small garage and repair shop at No. 12 Vine Street, Worcester. This was in 1909. In the following year the name was changed to the Warren Garage and the company removed to larger quarters which they built at No. 33 Vine Street. In 1911 John J. Barry, the famous baseball player, became part owner of the company and the business was incorporated with Mr. Barry as president, Mr. Higgins as vice-president and Mr. Fay as treasurer. This arrangement was continued for about two years, when Mr. Barry and Mr. Fay bought out the interest of Mr. Higgins and changed the name of the company to its present form, the Fay-Barry Motor Company. In 1916 they were appointed local agents for Ford automobiles and from that time on their growth was very rapid. In 1929, because of the expansion of business, it became necessary to secure still larger quarters and at that time they removed to their present location, Nos. 6-8 Sever Street, Worcester, where they have some 20,000 square feet of floor space. Mr. Barry is still president of the company and Mr. Fay continues as treasurer and general manager. For more than twenty years, Mr. Fay has given his undivided attention to the development of his company, which is unquestionably the most important of its kind in the county. He has very ably represented the interests of the Ford Motor Company in this district and has supplied to the people of Worcester an efficient and necessary automobile service. The result of his efforts is apparent in the success of the company, in which he can take just pride.

Apart from his business connections, Mr. Fay has been active in many other fields. He has always taken a keen interest in the progress of his city and has a wide circle of personal friends, business associates, fraternal brothers and fellow-clubs members. Mr. Fay is a member of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Exchange Club, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and several smaller organizations. Prior to the entry of the United States into the World War he attended military training school and in 1916 did special patrol duty in Worcester County. He is a Catholic in religious faith, being a member of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Worcester.

In 1921, P. Walter Fay married Mary F. Sullivan of Worcester. The two children of their marriage died in infancy.

ROY A. BARNARD—As part owner of the George A. Barnard Company, oldest and largest roofing enterprise in Worcester County, Roy A. Barnard directs the operations of a company which has been established at Worcester for almost eighty years. It was founded originally by his grandfather, John Barnard, in 1855 and is located today, as it has always been, on Prescott Street, Worcester.

Mr. Barnard is a son of George A. and Almira H. (Fuller) Barnard, the former of whom died in 1923 and the latter in 1920. He was educated in Worcester public schools and at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in 1897 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Shortly afterwards he entered the roofing business with which the family name has been so long connected. After the death of the founder of the company in 1873, it was carried on by George A. Barnard, who was subsequently joined by his three sons, George F., Walter B. and Roy A. Barnard. They are now sole owners of the business, which has continued to expand with passing years. Their main plant at Worcester includes 16,000 square feet of floor space. The services of the company have been retained in the roofing of a great many buildings of importance in Worcester and the scope of their operations covers all the northeastern states. Among the larger jobs which they have successfully completed may be mentioned the roofing of the Boston Custom House, the State Mutual Building, nearly all the Massachusetts colleges, and all the major banks and schools. The growth of

the company is a tribute to the high standards which its owners have always maintained.

In addition to his connection with the George A. Barnard Company, Mr. Barnard is the owner of considerable real estate in Worcester. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club and the University Club and has been associated with various civic enterprises. He is a member of the Unitarian Church.

In 1906, Roy A. Barnard married Ethel H. Davis who was born in Massachusetts. They are the parents of four children: Lawrence B., Sally E., Richard D., and Walter B.

CREIGHTON P. MORTON—As associate general agent for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company at Worcester, Creighton P. Morton ranks on his record as one of the most successful insurance men of the county. He is a well-known figure in this city and has been active in many Worcester affairs.

Mr. Morton was born at Worcester, May 8, 1896, a son of Howard W. and Caroline (Fitts) Morton. His father, who was former manager of the Guy Furniture Company, was born in Nova Scotia and died in the year 1907. His mother was born at Charlestown, Massachusetts. She died in 1923.

Creighton P. Morton received his preliminary education in Worcester public schools and subsequently attended Post Business College. He has been connected with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company during practically all his business career, having joined this organization in 1923. Mr. Morton is a member of the Life Underwriters' Association of Central Massachusetts, the Worcester Commercial Travelers' Association and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He has many civic interests and has been very prominent in Worcester club life, being a member of the Bohemian Club; the Commonwealth Club; the Worcester Advertising Club, of which he is president; the Kiwanis Club; the Players Club; the American Legion; and various Masonic bodies in Worcester and Boston. He is an active Republican and a member of the Worcester County Republican Club, the Worcester Safety Council, and the Worcester County Fish and Game Association. The value of his services to civic enterprises of Worcester and worthy community institutions is well recognized. During the World War, Mr. Morton enlisted in the United States Navy and was a member of the Naval Aviation Corps until the signing the Armistice. He is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in this city.

In 1920, Creighton P. Morton married Sylvia F. Valva, who was born in Worcester. They are the parents of one child, Beverly, born September 13, 1927.

DOLORD J. HAMEL—For many years a well-known figure in Worcester life, Dolord J. Hamel has been active in political and civic affairs and is influential in social circles of the city. In business he is a manufacturing optician.

Mr. Hamel was born on December 29, 1892, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, a son of Cyril J. and Exilda (Bessette) Hamel. His father, who was a wheelwright, died in 1923. His mother is still living. Mr. Hamel obtained his education in the public schools and in the English High School at Worcester, to which city he came as a boy. He began his active career in the employ of John C. Freeman, under whom he was trained as an optician, and remained with him for some six years. Subsequently he became connected with the Globe Manufacturing Company, where he was an employee for two years and manager of the plant for three years.

The entry of the United States into the World War interrupted this activity and for the duration of the war he was engaged on special duty for the government at Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, with Dr. Brashear, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On his return to civilian life, Mr. Hamel resumed his old position as manager of the Globe Manufacturing Company and in 1920 entered business for himself as an optician and manufacturing optician. He is continuing business under his own name, at No. 98 Front Street. Mr. Hamel also founded and is president of the Safety Rubber Traffic Marker Corporation, and is treasurer of "La Travailleur," a French language newspaper published in Worcester. He is a director of the Caisse Populaire Bank and chairman of its committee on loans.

Mr. Hamel has many other local connections and interests. An active Republican in politics and an influential member of party councils, he is now a member of the Worcester County Republican Club and chairman of the Republican City Committee of the Tenth Ward in this city. He was a delegate in 1931 to the Republican State Convention. He has been much interested in civic affairs, serving as a member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Franco-American Civic League and as vice-president of the Republican Council. His support may always be counted on for worthy movements in the public interest. Mr. Hamel is affiliated fraternally with the Catholic Order of Foresters, in which he is deputy chief, and is a member of the Société de St. Jean Baptiste and other French societies, including the Franco-American Veterans, of which he was the organizer, and a member of the American Legion. He has long been recognized as a leader among the French people of Worcester and has taken an active part in the city's cultural life, helping to re-organize the Philharmonic Choral Society, of which he is now treasurer. He is also a member and was the organizer of the Harmony Club. Mr. Hamel is a Catholic in religious faith and is a member of Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church in this city. He makes his home at No. 45 Fruit Street, Worcester.

GEORGE BENNETT HURLBURT—Of an old and distinguished New England ancestry, George Bennett Hurlburt has carried on the traditions of the family as a public servant of the city of Worcester and as a public-minded citizen who has contributed greatly to the better development of the municipality and the welfare of its people. He is a native of Pepperell, Massachusetts, born March 9, 1864, the son of Charles S. and Laura E. (Bennett) Hurlburt. The earliest progenitors of both paternal and maternal members of the family were among the earliest settlers of Connecticut, and arrived in this country from their native homes in England about 1635. Adam Hurlburt, great-grandfather of the subject of this review, was a

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captain in the Revolutionary War. A great-grandfather on the grandmother's side fought in the battle of Bunker Hill. Charles S. Hurlburt was a railroad man during the most of his life. His son, George Bennett, was educated in the public schools and Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

His first essay at making a livelihood was as a bookkeeper on one of the Norwich Line steamboats running out of New York City, a post which he held for six years. Mr. Hurlburt came to Worcester in 1888, and was employed as a bookkeeper in the Pease Machine Company plant, and held this position for another six years. He resigned to go with the George F. Hewitt Company and remained with this firm until the duties of public office compelled his retirement. In 1898, Mr. Hurlburt was elected assessor of Worcester, and took up his headquarters in the old City Hall, on the corner of Front and Main streets. This was the beginning of a career the like of which is not to be found in the records of the municipality. On March 9, 1933, he had completed thirty-five years as assessor, during a full quarter of a century of which he had been the chairman of the board of assessors. No previous assessor of Worcester has served in the office more than eighteen years. Mr. Hurlburt hopes, and with every reason for fulfillment that he will continue in office until 1934, when he will be automatically retired after thirty-six years of exacting and hard work. Few of the city officials are more esteemed or held in higher honor. His record is one which has always borne the closest scrutiny, and is one of personal achievement and steady devotion.

Since 1932 Mr. Hurlburt has also been chairman of the board of health, the only one to hold these chairmanships in the history of Worcester. Fraternally he has long been affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Worcester County Republican Club, and Ward 2 and Ward 8, Republican clubs, he being the founder and organizer of both wards clubs. In the various civic and welfare movements of the city, he has been both helpful and prominent. Generous and kind-hearted he has always been a friend of the poor and gave to them in their necessities.

George Bennett Hurlburt at New York City, on September 20, 1887, married Kathryn Brinckerhoff, a member of one of the old Knickerbocker families whose ancestry runs back to the original settlers of parts of New York and New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Hurlburt are the parents of a daughter, Ruth; in 1932, a director of the Bancroft Orchestra at the Bancroft Hotel.

ALBERT SUTTON RICHEY—A consulting electrical engineer of wide reputation, Albert Sutton Richey is a well-known figure in the electrical railway industry. For the past quarter of a century he has also been professor of electrical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. Richey was born at Muncie, Indiana, on April 10, 1874, a son of Webster S. and Julia T. Richey. He received his preliminary education in public schools of his birthplace and following graduation from Muncie High School entered Purdue University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering in 1894. In 1908 he also took the degree of Electrical Engineer at the same institution. Meanwhile his professional career was well under way. From 1895 until 1905 he was associated with the Union Traction Company of Indiana serving successively as electrician, electrical engineer and chief engineer. In 1905 he came to Worcester as assistant professor of electrical railway engineering, and in 1907 was appointed full professor of electrical engineering, a position which he has held since that time. Apart from his duties at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Professor Richey has practiced independently as consulting engineer in electric railway and other public utility work. The value of his services is widely recognized and many important interests have consulted him in regard to their problems. His clients have included at various times not only nearly every electric railway in New England, but also a large number of railways and other public utilities in all parts of the United States as well as in Canada and Cuba. Professor Richey has also been retained by State utility commissions in New Jersey and Tennessee and by various municipalities on utility problems, serving with conspicuous fidelity and success in this responsible capacity. He possesses a minute and comprehensive knowledge of his field, and his authority is recognized in engineering circles throughout the country.

Professor Richey is the author of the "Electric Railway Handbook," published by McGraw-Hill. In 1928-29 he edited for the American Electric Railway Association the publication "Electric Railway Practices"; and publishes independently a monthly "Conspectus of Indexes." He has been a frequent contributor to such periodicals as "Transit Journal," and the "Journal of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers." He is a member of the American Transit Association, the Engineers' Club of New York City, the University Club of Boston, and the Worcester Country Club. He is affiliated with Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and with Tau Beta Pi honorary fraternity. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith a Presbyterian.

On June 14, 1907, Albert Sutton Richey married Edith H. Kendrick of Worcester, Massachusetts. They are the parents of two children: 1. Frances. 2. Janet. The residence of the family is at No. 9 Regent Street, Worcester.

EVERETT B. RICHARDSON—In 1891 Everett B. Richardson, with several associates. organized and incorporated the Richardson Piano Case Company at Leominster, Massachusetts. He continued to serve at the head of a company, which has become not only one of the leading local industries but one of the most important enterprises of its kind in the country, until his death, August 26, 1933.

Mr. Richardson was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on October 14, 1864, a son of Lucius A. and Louise E. (Fitch) Richardson. He completed his academic training in Leominster High School, took a course in business college and began his active career in the employ of a piano case manufacturing company, where he thoroughly learned all phases of this craft. After a number of years, seeking larger opportunities, he decided to estab-

lish a company of his own and on January 1, 1891, organized the Richardson Piano Case Company. He became the first and until his death was the only president of this organization. His associates in the company originally were Lucius Richardson and Henry R. Smith. The original plant of the company had 70,000 square feet of space, but with the growth of the business this has more than doubled, being increased in 1920 to 150,000 square feet. Meanwhile this enterprise had become the largest of its kind in the country. Although its output was confined at first solely to the manufacture of piano cases, work of other kinds was added gradually and with the advent of the radio a whole new line of production was opened up. Elaborate radio cases are now being manufactured by artisans of the company for some of the largest radio concerns in the country. This branch of the business, which was begun in 1925, has now become the most important feature of the company's activities. There is also a department, however, for the manufacture of fine panel work for various purposes and another for the production of a line of specialties in the furniture trade. The original product of the company—the manufacture of piano cases—is continued on a reduced scale. The capacity of the plant is 200,000 radio cabinets, in addition to the large output in other lines. Some three hundred skilled workmen are employed and the products of the company are distributed throughout the New England states and Metropolitan New York. It is capitalized at $300,000. Prior to Mr. Richardson's death the officers of the company consisted of Everett B. Richardson, president; Judson C. Richardson, vice-president; Everett G. Richardson, vice-president; and Ernest Aker, treasurer.

The important qualities of business leadership and sound judgment which Mr. Richardson brought to the president's office were reflected in the steady growth and progress of his company. He was long a prominent figure in the business life of Worcester County and gave his services freely to civic enterprises and local institutions. Mr. Richardson was president of the Fitchburg Duck Mills and for many years clerk and a trustee of the Leominster Savings Bank. He was a past president of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Leominster and Monoosnock Country clubs, the Fay Club of Fitchburg and the Worcester Country Club and fraternally was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. He was active in this order, having been a member of various higher bodies, including the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and having served in 1898 as Master of his lodge and in 1910-11 as District Deputy of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. During the World War, Mr. Richardson occupied the responsible position of fuel administrator for Worcester County. He was, in religious faith, a member of the Congregational Church.

On June 26, 1889, Everett B. Richardson married Ada E. Conant of Kentucky. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Bernice Louise, a graduate of Leominster High School, Wheaton College at Norton, Massachusetts, and Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia. She married Percy C. Campbell, of Massachusetts, and they have two children: Louise and Robert. 2. Judson C., born April 1, 1894, a graduate of Leominster High School, Phillips-Exeter Academy and for two years a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. With the entry of the United States into the World War he enlisted in the navy, serving as a wireless operator. After the war he became associated with the Richardson Piano Case Company and became a vice-president. Judson C. Richardson married Erma Carter of Leominster, and they have three children: Judson, Nancy and Cynthia. 3. Everett G., born April 30, 1900, educated at Leominster High School and Dartmouth College, which he attended for two years. He also saw service in the United States Navy during the World War and later became a vice-president of the Richardson Piano Case Company. He married Dorothy Pace and they have two sons: Everett G., Jr., and Briggs.

ERNEST AKER—During his active career, which has covered more than twenty years, Ernest Aker has been associated with two important enterprises of Worcester County, the Fitchburg National Bank, where he began work as a young man, and the Richardson Piano Case Company of Leominster of which he is now treasurer. His efforts have brought him a substantial reputation in the business life of this section.

Mr. Aker was born in New York City on October 27, 1891, a son of William J. and Mary (Noth) Aker. He comes of English and German ancestry. Mr. Aker was educated in Massachusetts schools and in 1909 was graduated from Fitchburg High School. Immediately thereafter he entered the employ of the Fitchburg National Bank and from the bottom worked his way up to the position of teller. In 1920 he was offered and accepted the office of accountant and office manager for the Richardson Piano Case Company of Leominster, with which he has since been connected. The merit of his services won him advancement and in 1931 he was elected treasurer of the company. He has been active in its affairs and his opinion on all matters connected with operations is regarded by his associates with respect.

Apart from his business interests, Mr. Aker has given a great deal of his time to civic affairs and for ten years served as auditor of the town of Lunenburg. He is a member of the Evangelical Congregational Church and has a wide circle, locally, of friends and acquaintances.

On December 25, 1913, Ernest Aker married Myrtle M. Hastings of Lunenburg, Massachusetts, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is a daughter of Edgar H. and Mary (Schomer) Hastings. Mr. and Mrs. Aker have four children: Myrtle Hastings, William Raymond, Ernest Bradford, and Dorothy Louise.

PERCY BOURNE HITCHCOCK—A well-known figure in the life of Worcester County for many years, Percy Bourne Hitchcock has served with distinction in various public offices both at Fitchburg and Worcester. During the past fourteen years he has been income tax assessor for the district comprising Worcester County, making his headquarters in the city of Worcester.

Mr. Hitchcock was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, on March 25, 1878, a son of William N. and Annie Z. (Bourne) Hitchcock, the former a native of Norwich, Connecticut, and the latter of Bourne, Massachusetts. William N. Hitchcock came to Fitchburg in 1873, being associated here

Marie Bell

with the New Haven Railroad as agent and in other capacities. He died in 1904. Annie Z. (Bourne) Hitchcock, his wife, resides at West Boylston with their son. The families on both sides are of English origin and were established here during the earliest period of American colonization. Richard Bourne, who was the first to come over, settled on Cape Cod. He built the first house on the Cape and was associated with John Eliot, well known in history as the American Apostle to the Indians. The Hitchcocks (originally Hiscox) came from England and settled at Westerly. The first son of the American progenitor, Thomas, was elected a minister and built the first Sabbatarian Church in Westerly. He served this congregation as pastor for sixty years.

In the present generation of the family, William Harold Hitchcock, brother of Percy Bourne Hitchcock, is a resident of Dedham, Massachusetts. He is a very prominent lawyer, was formerly assistant attorney-general, and is now chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners.

Percy Bourne Hitchcock of this record, was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, being graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1896. Thereafter, for twenty years, he was associated in the paint and wall paper business with Benjamin A. Cook, former mayor of Fitchburg. In addition to his business interests, he took an active part in public life, serving for two years as councilman and for one year as alderman. In 1918 Mr. Hitchcock was appointed income tax assessor for the Worcester County district, and at that time took up his residence where his activities have since centered. He has administered the duties of his present office with conspicuous fidelity and success, bringing to his service in the public interest the same executive talents and soundness of judgment which distinguished his business career.

Mr. Hitchcock has many other local connections and interests. He is an active member of the Worcester Rotary Club and in 1929-30 was its president. In addition he has served as vice-president of the club and as chairman of several committees, including, for two years, the program committee. Mr. Hitchcock makes his home at West Boylston, and is a member of the Beaman Club there and of the West Boylston Congregational Church.

On June 29, 1918, he married Ethel Isham, of Spokane, Washington.

HENRY PAUL BLUMENAUER—Following several years of experience in the foreign service of an American corporation, Henry P. Blumenauer returned to the United States, made a study of metallurgy and became president of the Arcade Malleable Iron Company, of Worcester. This is one of the important industrial plants of Worcester County, and of it Mr. Blumenauer is virtually the sole owner.

Born in Naugatuck, Connecticut, December 17, 1887, Henry Paul Blumenauer is the son of Charles F. and Mary Jane (Frear) Blumenauer; the former, born in Ellenville, New York, was a rubber manufacturer and died August 25, 1928; the mother, born in New York, died May 21, 1917. Their son, Henry Paul, after attending the public schools, prepared for college at Andover Academy. After graduating from there he entered Cornell University and graduated in the class of 1911, with the degree of Civil Engineer. He joined the staff of the Standard Oil Company, which sent him on a foreign mission. He was in this service abroad for five years, and on his return to this country he was made sales manager of the Naugatuck plant of the Eastern Malleable Iron Company, continuing with this concern for five years. He resigned that position to become associated with the Arcade Malleable Iron Company, of Worcester, in 1920. This business was established in 1829 under the title of the Worcester Malleable Iron Works, later in 1850, changed by Warren McFarland to the Arcade Malleable Iron Company. It was incorporated in 1923, and Paul H. Buckingham was elected president. A reorganization was effected in 1926, with these officers: President, H. P. Blumenauer, and treasurer, R. J. Nelson. The directors are Edward L. Bennett, Frank Brisse, Harold Storke, Frank C. Smith, Jr., J. Verner Critchley, Stanley Moore, and H. P. Blumenauer. The specific purpose of the company is to manufacture malleable and "Z" metal castings, and it is also engaged in the manufacture of other metal products including arzite. It is the only manufactory in the Eastern section of the United States of malleable iron chain and of what is known as link chain. The business in normal times provides employment for two hundred and fifty persons in its plant of 116,000 square feet of floor space. The major portion of its products is distributed through New England and the Atlantic Coast states.

Mr. Blumenauer is also president of the New England Foundrymen's Association, a director of the Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Corporation, and a past president of the Foundry Council of Central Massachusetts. He is a recognized authority on malleable iron and metallurgy as applied to his industry. On these subjects he has written numerous articles for technical and trade magazines. It is generally conceded that through his knowledge of the industry and thorough efficiency in management he has brought the company to its present high standard in the circles of Worcester trade and commerce.

His fraternal affiliations are important, among them being Shephard Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; all the Scottish Rite bodies, including the Consistery, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree; also the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Commonwealth Club and the Rotary Club of Worcester, and also of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and serves on its industrial committee.

Mr. Blumenauer married, in 1915, Mary W. Kehoe, a native of Connecticut. They have twin sons: Charles E., and Henry P., born August 8, 1916.

MERLE BELL—As president of one of the important textile companies of Worcester, Massachusetts, Merle Bell has played prominent rôles in the development of the city as a manufacturing center. He was born at Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1880, son of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Henry and Marcia (Smith) Bell. He is a direct descendant of Joseph Bell of Virginia, colonel of the Cartaret Foot, the regiment which drove the Spaniards from Beaufort Harbor on August 26, 1747, who was a distinguished legislator in the North Carolina Assembly for twenty-one years; the

Hon. Joel Parish, member of Committee of Safety of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, 1774-1776; and of Colonel Robert Smith, the first lieutenant of Chester County, Pennsylvania, the engineer officer who defended the Delaware by his system of *Chavaux de frise;* and was a member of the Assembly which adopted the Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania.

Merle Bell received his early education at Beck's Family School at Lititz and at Chambersburg Academy, and afterwards took a course in commerce, accounting and finance, at New York University.

It was restless ambition which had brought him to the metropolis and it was the ability to work hard that gave him promotion through the various positions from bank runner to branch bank manager. In 1909 the way was opened to him to engage in something more to his taste and giving his abilities greater scope. Merle Bell came to Worcester County as a partner in the Quinapoxet Woolen Mills at Holden. In 1915, The Bell Company was organized and incorporated with Mr. Bell in his present position as president and treasurer.

Such, in brief, is the story of the Bell Company, manufacturers of worsteds and of the man responsible for it. It is one of the large industrial concerns of Worcester, employing in normal times about a thousand hands. The large building, occupied by the company, will be remembered as a structure erected for an automobile assembly plant and was purchased by the Bell Company in 1926. The plant takes the wool as it comes from the sheep's back, scours, combs, spins, on the Continental system, and delivers the finished cloth ready for the needle. Much of the machinery was imported from France and a great variety of processes are carried out in the mills. There are departments for combing tops, dyeing and vigoureux printing, weaving and finishing. The success of the company has been largely due to the wise selection of the personnel and to rigid adherence to standards.

Business has claimed all of Mr. Bell's energies and interests. He keeps in close touch with his business colleagues all over the United States. He has shown himself as one of the progressive and philanthropic citizens of Worcester, always ready to forward any project looking to the advance of the municipality and the welfare of its people. His clubs reflect something of the variety of his tastes and activities, for he is a member of the Economic Club, the Worcester Club, the Worcester Country Club, Quinsigamond Boat Club, the National Arts Club of New York, the Army Athletic Association of West Point and a life member of the Military Order of Foreign Wars and of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Virginia.

In 1927, Merle Bell married Frances Gordon, daughter of Albert A. Gordon, Jr., of Worcester, and they make their home at No. 23 Witman Road, Worcester.

VICTOR MARION FRIAR—Out of the West came Victor Marion Friar, experienced journalist to receive his training in military affairs in the camps of the East, including New England. After the World War was over and he was returned to civilian life he remained in Massachusetts, and has made Worcester his home since that time. As a newspaper man and an insurance broker, a civic-minded citizen and a man of affairs he has become closely identified with the life and the development of Worcester. He was born at Leoti, Kansas, October 15, 1890, son of Fred and Anne E. (Crowl) Friar, his father being a native of Missouri and his mother of Kansas. He was educated in the Leoti schools, and early entered the newspaper game as a reporter. He worked upon various newspapers in many parts of the West, prior to the entrance of the United States into the World War.

On April 8, 1917, Mr. Friar enlisted in the United States Army for service in the war, and was sent to Fort Logan, Colorado. Shortly after he was assigned to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, for extended training, and was commissioned a second lieutenant, November 15, 1917, and served with the 42d Infantry, United States Army, at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and Picatinney Arsenal, New Jersey. He was then assigned to Camp Devens, Massachusetts, and had his first opportunity of becoming acquainted with the New Englander and New England. Promoted to a first lieutenancy, August, 1918, he was placed in charge of the German Prison Camp, at Still River, Massachusetts, until the autumn of that year (1918) when he was given the command of Company B, 36th Machine Gun Battalion, of the 12th Division. After the Armistice was signed, Lieutenant Friar was assistant recruiting officer at Camp Devens, until he was discharged from military service, October, 1919. He now holds the rank of captain in the Infantry Reserves.

New England in general and Worcester in particular, had laid a strong hand upon the affections of Mr. Friar during his military career. It is also likely that his marriage to a Massachusetts girl immediately upon his discharge from service may have had something to do with his determination to remain in the East. At any rate, he went straight from the army to the "Worcester Telegram" as a reporter, and put in ten years of work in a journalistic capacity. For the greater part of this time he was either the financial editor or the advertising manager of this important journal. In 1929, Mr. Friar quit the newspaper business to become associated with Stark, Johnson and Stinson, Insurance, as an insurance broker, and as such is continuing at the present writing.

Mr. Friar is a man of many and varied interests. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a popular figure in the Rotary Club. Along the line of his experience, he is a life member of the Advertising Club, and a member of the American Legion, the Military Order of the World War, and of the Reserve Officers' Association. For some years a member of the Unitarian Church, he is active in the affairs of that organization as a member of the Unitarian Laymen's League.

On October 3, 1919, Mr. Friar married Lorene Wilson Reed, of Lancaster, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: John Reed and Nancy Noyes.

EVERETT W. JENKINS—A well-known engineer and at the time of writing Street Commissioner of Worcester, Everett W. Jenkins has had a long and varied experience. His appointment to his present position is a recognition of his ability, skill and worth as a public official. He was born in Worcester, March 30, 1887, the son

of William and Margaret (McClure) Jenkins, both of whom were natives of Maine. Mr. Jenkins, Sr., had a remarkable record of thirty-eight years as a stationary engineer at Smith's Hill. He died in 1913. Mrs. Jenkins is still a resident of Worcester.

Everett W. Jenkins was educated in the public schools of his native city, and graduated from the high school. At the age of nineteen, he entered the City Engineer's office, and was employed there until 1918, when he resigned to take a position with the Hassan Paving Company, where for three years he gained invaluable experience in the building of roads and streets. In 1921 he was made superintendent of streets at Quincy, Massachusetts, and continued in this position until 1923. He then became connected with the American Woolen Company, in varied capacities, until 1927, at which time he entered the Worcester City Engineer's office. In 1929 Mr. Jenkins was made assistant street commissioner of Worcester, and in January, 1931 received the appointment as street commissioner which position he holds at the time of writing. This department employs about three hundred men on full time, and also uses from four to six hundred "welfare men" as the occasion requires for more or less limited periods. His responsibility for the efficient handling of the street problems of Worcester is very great, but his continued success is a well recognized fact, and one highly admired by the citizens of the municipality.

Fraternally, Mr. Jenkins is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has the gift of good comradeship and has a legion of friends. Golf and polo are among his recreations.

On June 1, 1910, Mr. Jenkins married Myrtle Waltz, also of Worcester, and they are the parents of a son, Robert, born November 11, 1915. The family resides at No. 1066 Pleasant Street, Worcester.

PHILIP B. HEYWOOD—After gaining experience in several financial and industrial lines, in various parts of the United States, Philip B. Heywood in 1927 formed a partnership under the firm name of Greene and Heywood, now one of the leading insurance companies of Worcester. He is recognized as one of the important business men of the city, and a leader in several phases of its life. He comes of notable ancestry, being the grandson of Samuel R. Heywood, a native of Princeton, Massachusetts, who was president of the Peoples Savings Bank of Worcester for forty-five years.

Philip B. Heywood was born in Worcester, March 24, 1889, the son of Frank Everett and Harriett Dodd (Jennings) Heywood. The mother came from East Orange, New Jersey and the father was a native of Worcester. After receiving the preliminaries of his schooling in public and private institutions, he prepared for entrance into college at Blair Academy, Blairstown, New Jersey, from which he was graduated. Matriculating at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, he was graduated with the class of 1913, holding the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Immediately upon leaving college, he spent two years in the South, railroading, and then came North to spend two years as an organizer and operator of Morris Plan Banks. For the following twelve years he was associated with the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works, eight years of this period in Worcester, and four years at Charlotte, North Carolina. He served in many capacities, and while in Worcester was a member of the executive committee of this corporation. In 1927 Mr. Heywood resigned his position with Crompton and Knowles to go into the insurance business with Henry Hewett Greene, under the firm name of Greene and Heywood.

Mr. Heywood enjoys sports, particularly golf, hunting and fishing. He is a popular figure in the Tatnuck Country Club, the Worcester Club and the University Club. He is also a vice-president of the Worcester Natural History Society and the Williams Club of New York. A member of All Saints Episcopal Church, he is one of its vestrymen. A member of the former Massachusetts State Militia, he served with the rank of corporal during the period that the United States was engaged in the World War. It is also worthy of note that when Boston was in the throes of its famous police strike, Mr. Heywood was there in the midst of the trouble as a member of the militia.

On July 22, 1916, Philip B. Heywood married Beatrice Shultz, of Summit, New Jersey, and they are the parents of two children: Janet, born October 1, 1917; and Barbara, born March 4, 1920.

CHARLES WATERS PROCTOR—Since 1920 Charles Waters Proctor has been engaged in the active practice of law at Worcester, Massachusetts, rising to a position of recognized prominence at the local bar. Mr. Proctor is now a member of the firm of Proctor and Walker. His legal experience covers twenty years, in the course of which he has served with distinction in several responsible public positions.

Born at Beverly, Massachusetts, on July 17, 1890, Mr. Proctor is a son of Nathan P. and Ellen T. (Dubois) Proctor, farmers and natives of this State. He received his preliminary education in the public schools, subsequently attended Thayer Academy and Boston University Law School, from which he was graduated in 1912 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and began practice in Boston, where he remained for some two years. Later he spent an equal period in New York City, and in 1920 came to Worcester, where his activities have since centered. Mr. Proctor's services have been consulted by many important interests here and he has built up a large and successful practice. He was formerly a member of the firm of McDonald and Proctor, but is now senior member of Proctor and Walker, with offices in the Slater Building.

From the beginning of his career Mr. Proctor has been interested in public life and civic affairs. In 1913 he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature from the Ninth Norfolk District and served on the committee of counties. Subsequently he was commissioned to consolidate the Massachusetts statutes and redraft the code of laws now known as the General Laws of the State. He served on this commission for four years and contributed no little to the effective performance of the huge task on which he and his fellow-members were engaged.

Apart from his other connections, Mr. Proctor also served for two years as legal editor for the

American Law Book Company and has been an instructor in law at Northeastern University for the past ten years. He is a member of the American, State and County Bar associations, and a member of the Exchange Club, Holden Trowel Club and a member of Boylston Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

On June 15, 1914, Charles Waters Proctor married Myra C. Clark of Randolph, Massachusetts. They have one son, Nathan H., born March 25, 1915. The family residence is in Holden, Massachusetts.

NORMAN A. HARRINGTON, in 1933, is dean of the fire insurance men of Worcester, Massachusetts. Born in Marlborough, New Hampshire, October 10, 1850, he is a son of Thomas and Rhoda (Truesdell) Harrington. His parents moved to Worcester, when he was four years old. The son was educated in the public schools of Worcester, Worcester Academy and Bryant and Stratton's Commercial College of Boston. On May 23, 1872, Mr. Harrington married Adeline E. Rockwood, daughter of John and Melinda (Prouty) Rockwood. They had three children: Florence, Lillian and Harold, who died in infancy. In 1873 Mr. Harrington started in fire insurance at No. 460 Main Street; later moved to Clark's block, No. 492 Main Street, and when stores claimed that block, he went to the Slater Building, No. 390 Main Street, where he is now with sixty years of active service in the business which he founded.

The business grew to such an extent, that it seemed imperative to have a partner. In 1916 Harry K. Rowe, who had served nineteen years with the Security Company of New Haven, Connecticut, part of the time as special agent, became Mr. Harrington's partner. Harry K. Rowe, died in March, 1931, a most respected and well liked man, greatly missed by clients and friends. In July, 1931, Milton C. Snyder, son of J. E. Snyder, upright drill manufacturer, entered the firm.

A banquet was tendered Mr. Harrington at the Bancroft Hotel, in January, 1924, and his companions in the insurance business presented him with a silver humidor as a token of their esteem, and for his fifty years' service in the fire insurance business in Worcester.

In April, 1933, at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Worcester Board of Underwriters at the Bancroft Hotel Mr. Harrington was made honorary chairman of the committee on arrangements, being the only living charter member of the board.

Mr. Harrington is a member of Athlestan Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters, Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Worcester Driving Club.

Mr. Harrington is a well-known figure on the "Old Boulevard" driving fast horses. He also enjoys fishing in the waters of Lake Winnepesaukee. These pleasures afford him diversion and recreation.

GEORGE L. ROCHEFORD — Everyone familiar with the physical development of Worcester, particularly that of the last two decades, knows the name of Rocheford as associated with many of the finest buildings and residences in the city. In the early 1880's Lezime and Delia (L'Orang) Rocheford came to Worcester to make their home. He was a native of Vermont, while Mrs. Rocheford was born in Connecticut, the family being of French ancestry. The senior Rocheford went into the building business and later became the superintendent of several large contracting concerns. In 1912 he founded the L. Rocheford and Sons Company, contractors, which became one of the foremost in its line of activities. It would be difficult to go into any section of Worcester and not find there something of the company's construction. Residences, church edifices, factories and industrial plants—it has built many. The company constructed the first Junior High School and also the second, a modern educational institution which covers an acre of land and which was built at a cost of more than $1,250,000. The founder died November 7, 1927, one of the best known contractors in New England.

Mr. and Mrs. Lezime Rocheford were the parents of seven children: 1. George L., of whom this is primarily a review. 2. Clarence T. 3. Charles E., now a member of the company. 4. Irving P. 5. Hector A. L., also a member of the firm. 6. Delia Ann, wife of Homer Labossiere. 7. Mabel, the widow of Raymond Richards.

George L. Rocheford, born at Worcester, December 2, 1887, was educated in the public schools of his native city and was graduated from the Ledge Street School, in 1901. Desiring to follow in the footsteps of his father, he early became associated with his business as an apprentice and meanwhile began and continued professional engineering studies after working hours were over. Upon his father's death in 1927, George L. Rocheford became the president of the L. Rocheford and Sons Company, its treasurer and the directing force in its management.

Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus, and he is a member of the Franco-American Club. He enjoys out-of-doors recreations and sports, his principal hobby being flower gardening.

On October 29, 1912, Mr. Rocheford married Olive J. Labossiere, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. George E., born September 4, 1913. 2. Raymond L., born in July, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Rocheford make their home at No. 151 Coburn Avenue, Worcester.

REV. OLIVER WILLIAM MEANS—The Rev. Oliver William Means, of Brookfield, was born at Perry Center, New York, October 9, 1860, son of the Rev. George J. and Ellen S. (Goodrich) Means. His mother was born at Rocky Hill, Connecticut; his father was a native of Augusta, Maine. The Rev. George J. Means was a graduate of Bowdoin College, Maine, and of Andover Theological Seminary. It was while he was in charge of his first parish, at Perry Center, that his son, Oliver William, was born, and it was under the instruction of the able and skilled father that the foundations of the son's academic education were laid. The family moved to Augusta, Maine, where Oliver William Means entered high school, from which he was graduated. Matriculating at Bowdoin College, he was graduated in 1884, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and

Very truly yours.
Oliver W. Means

received his Master's degree in Arts the following fall. Then followed three years in the Hartford Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated a Bachelor of Divinity. He remained for a fourth year in the seminary for post-graduate work in church history under that eminent scholar, Dr. Chester D. Hartranft.

In September, 1888, the Rev. Oliver W. Means became the pastor of the First Congregational Church, of Enfield, Connecticut, where he remained in charge for about fourteen years. While there he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1899. In 1902 he took a much needed and well earned vacation for a year and a half, returning to the ministerial field as the pastor of the Springfield, Massachusetts, Emanuel Congregational Church. This was an organization of no great age and was composed of a large number of young people. It was his inspiring, if heavy, task, to lead this spirited group on to larger vision and deeds. A new church edifice was erected; there was a large and continuous growth in membership of the church and its Sunday school, and a greater scope of religious and humanitarian enterprises carried to success. The Rev. Dr. Means resigned this pastorate on June 1, 1913, since which time he has preached irregularly, but has devoted his time and attention to a wide variety of interests.

Dr. Means makes his winter home at No. 44 Forest Street, Hartford, Connecticut, and in the summer lives on his large estate at Brookfield. His activities, of necessity, are connected with both places. He is secretary of the board of the Charity Organization Society of Hartford and a member of the board of trustees of the Hartford Seminary Foundation. In Brookfield, he is one of its outstanding civic leaders, for four years president of the Quaboag Historical Society; a member of the American Jersey Cattle Club; and, with his wife, a liberal supporter of the Brookfield Congregational Church. Anyone familiar with this beautiful section of Massachusetts, recalls with pleasure the Elm Hill Farm of twelve hundred acres, which is the old Blanchard estate more than a century old, being first occupied in 1799, and which is now the summer home of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Means.

Dr. Means married, September 5, 1899, Abby Frances Blanchard, graduate of Wellesley College, class of 1898, daughter of Charles P. and Annie (Brown) Blanchard. Of this marriage there are three living children: 1. Frances M., born July 7, 1902, graduate (1925) of Smith College, who married, October 24, 1931, Clayton B. Spencer, of West Hartford, Connecticut, and is the mother of a son, Oliver Edmund Spencer, born January 14, 1933. 2. Blanchard W., born August 9, 1905, graduate of Yale University in 1927 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, who after post-graduate studies received his Doctor's degree in Philosophy in 1932. He is a member of the faculty of Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, and married, June 28, 1932, Louise C. Rich, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 3. Oliver William, Jr., born March 20, 1915, at this writing a student in Kingswood School, West Hartford, Connecticut, preparing to enter Yale University.

WILLIAM HILL—As president and treasurer of the Hill Bronze Alloy Company since its inception in 1928, William Hill has performed a labor of importance and value to the city of Worcester. He has figured prominently in business and civic life here and has a wide circle of acquaintance.

William Hill was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1876, son of Henry C. and Anna (Hoffstedt) Hill, both Pennsylvanians by birth. The father, a veteran of the Civil War, was a member of the 8th Pennsylvania Cavalry and was wounded while in the despatch service. He was engaged in the railway industry for forty-five years. Before and after his war service and in fact for most of his life he was superintendent of the Piper freight line, the first freight line running from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He died in 1918 and Mrs. Hill is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Hill had only one child, William Hill, whose name heads this article.

In the public schools of the Quaker City, where he was born, William Hill received his early education. As a young man he served for some time with the Cramp Shipbuilding Corporation. For sixteen years he was associated with the United States Gage Company, at Philadelphia. Then, coming to Worcester, he accepted a position as superintendent of the Coppus Engineering Company. In 1928 he founded the Hill Bronze Alloy Company, of which he has since been president and general manager. The specific purpose of this organization is to furnish high-grade bronze castings for the engineering and building trades. Their plant is situated at No. 53 Gardner Street, Worcester, where they have several thousand square feet of floor space and employ approximately in normal times twenty people. The Hill products are distributed throughout Worcester County and adjacent territory. The growth of the Hill Bronze Alloy Company has been very rapid, and they are now the leaders in their line of business, not only in Massachusetts but in New England. A complete knowledge of metallurgy and his pride in the business that he has founded and developed cause Mr. Hill to be widely and favorably known in the industrial world. He is regarded as an expert on metallurgy and metallurgical problems.

Mr. Hill is a member of the Rotary Club and attends the Universalist Church.

William Hill's second wife is a Pennsylvanian by birth. She was formerly Naomi S. Lewis. The following children are by the first marriage: 1. William M., who studied at Lehigh University, enlisted in 1917 for service in the World War and was assigned to the United States Navy for duty on the battleship "New Jersey." 2. Henry C. 3. Raymond C. The children by the second marriage are: 4. Naomi Anna. 5. Ardith M. The Hill family residence is situated at No. 790 Pleasant Street, Worcester; and Mr. Hill's business offices are at the headquarters of the Hill Bronze Alloy Company, No. 53 Gardner Street.

JAMES A. HEALEY, JR—Identified with the Department of Weights and Measures in the Worcester City Government for eighteen years, James A. Healey, Jr., has headed that branch as sealer for all but one year of that period. He is looked upon as a fixture in the office, and his work has always been of a such a high character that there has hardly been a ripple of opposition to him by persons who might desire to fill the berth. His record has been most gratifying to the

administrations under which he has served and of excellent results to the people whom his work affects most intimately.

Mr. Healey's father, James A. Healey, Sr., was born in Cork, Ireland, where the family of that name had had its seat for many generations. He was an infant when brought to this country by his parents. After attending public schools, he learned the tailor's trade in New York City. He removed to New Bedford, Massachusetts, and eventually located in Worcester, where he passed away in 1901. When living in the Empire State, he enlisted for the Civil War and was assigned to the 69th New York Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, and was transferred to the 2d Regiment of Pennsylvania Cavalry. He fought through the war, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, the siege of Petersburg and in other important engagements. He married Mary A. Ronayne, born in London, England, and brought to this country when a young child by her parents. Of their marriage three children were born: 1. Daughter, died in infancy. 2. Alice M. Healey, who resides at home with her mother in Worcester. 3. James A., Jr., of whom further.

James A. Healey, Jr., was born in New Bedford, September 6, 1880, and passed through the elementary and grade schools, graduating from the English High School. He learned the plumbing business and was engaged in that line for fourteen years. He had also practiced accountancy to some extent. Taking the civil service examination for the position, he passed the test successfully, and received the appointment of deputy sealer of weights and measures in the city of Worcester in 1914. After holding that position for one year, he was advanced to the full position of sealer or head of the department, and here he has since remained to the eminent satisfaction of his colleagues and those with whom his office has business. The office of sealer of weights and measures is as ancient as the New England town meeting, in which it was first established. The department as it is administered in this city is of great importance in regulating the standards of weights and measures, effectually preventing fraudulent methods by unscrupulous merchants in weighing goods and making measurements. Mr. Healey has the assistance of six deputies who coöperate with their superior in maintaining the alertness of the department and its well known standard for efficiency.

Mr. Healey enjoys the esteem of his fellow-members in the Massachusetts Sealers Association, in which he has filled the office of vice-president. He is affiliated with Alhambra Council, Knights of Columbus, and a communicant of the St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

James A. Healey, Jr., married, February 6, 1918, Marion I. Creeden, of this city, born in Lewiston, Maine. They have their residence at No. 811 Main Street, Worcester.

ELGAR A. THUNE—Since 1925 Elgar A. Thune has been associated with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, rising within this organization to his present position as district manager of the Worcester County district in Massachusetts. He was born at Albert Lea, Minnesota, on December 8, 1898, a son of Lars K. and Carrie (Boyum) Thune, both natives of Norway. His parents came to the United States about 1888 and settled in Wisconsin, later moving to Minnesota. The father, who was a merchant tailor by occupation, died in the fall of 1931.

Elgar A. Thune was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, and following his graduation from the Albert Lea High School, spent two years at St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minnesota. Later he transferred to South Dakota State College, from which he was graduated in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. During his undergraduate years he was active in athletics and other school activities, playing football and basketball, and being a member of the track and debating teams. After leaving college, Mr. Thune served as athletic director in the Sioux Falls High School for one year, and occupied a similar position at Morehead High School for another year. Then in 1925, he became associated with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States at Albert Lea, remaining there until 1931. This agency was the second largest in the United States and is known as the Klingman Agency. Mr. Thune's energy, ambition and continued record of success soon won him recognition. He was appointed field assistant, organizing and selling, and on January 1, 1931 was appointed district manager at Worcester, Massachusetts, where his activities have since centered. His district covers the entire county of Worcester, and he is in charge of a force of twenty-six salesmen, having an increasing business in spite of depressions and hard times. Although he has come to Worcester only comparatively recently, he has won a secure place in the business life of the city and a wide circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Thune enlisted in 1918 for service in the army during the World War, being stationed in camp in Minnesota. He is fond of sports and outdoor life and has continued his college interest in athletics. Mr. Thune is a member of the American Legion and of the Men's Club.

He married, on January 1, 1924, Ruth L. Torgerson of Adams, Minnesota, and they have two daughters: 1. Beverly Carrie, born October 25, 1924. 2. Barbara Ann, born December 29, 1928. The family home is situated in Worcester.

ALFRED ERNEST RANKIN, of Worcester, is a native son of the city, and much of his professional career has been in connection with Worcester industries. He was born December 31, 1883, the son of John and Melinda (Wilson) Rankin, and received his preliminary schooling in the city grade and English High School, from which he was graduated an honor pupil. Entering Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, and was one of the six of his class who were awarded the Salisbury Prize.

His technical training over, so far as educational institutions were concerned, Mr. Rankin secured employment on construction work carried on by the city of New York. Then he was with the Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company, of New York, as assistant engineer, engaged in the designing and erection of logging machinery. Mr. Rankin resigned to accept a post with the Parker Boiler Company, of Philadelphia, in the mechanical department. It was from this concern that he came to Worcester to become the assistant mechani-

cal superintendent of the United States Envelope Company, in its large plant in this city.

Mr. Rankin has never considered himself too busy to fail to take his place in the social, civic, business and welfare activities of the community. He is a director of the Worcester Independent Coöperative Bank; Southern Worcester County Health Association; Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Rankin is a trustee of the Worcester County Mechanics Association; the Peoples Savings Bank, and the Sinking Fund of Worcester. He is a past president of the University Club and the Kiwanis Club of the city; his college fraternity is Phi Gamma Delta, and among his other clubs are numbered the, Appalachian Mountain and Republican. He has been active in the counsels and campaigns of the Republican party, and is a member of the State Republican Committee. He is active in Masonry, belonging to all bodies, including Knights Templar, the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite and Shrine. He is a Past Master of Blue Lodge; District Deputy, Grand Master, and vice-president of the board of trustees of the Masonic Charity and Educational Charity Association. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal Church.

MILO E. HAMILTON—As treasurer and general manager, Milo E. Hamilton has faithfully served the Wells Chemical Bronze Company, of Worcester, his native city. His labors have been highly useful to his fellow-citizens, and as a business man and citizen he has come to be widely known and respected.

Mr. Hamilton was born at Worcester, on July 23, 1875, son of Merritt L. and Ella S. (Smith) Hamilton and member of an old family. His father, now deceased, was a native New Yorker, and his mother, still living, is a Massachusetts woman. In the public schools of Worcester, Milo E. Hamilton, of this review, received his early education. Early in his career he entered the employ of the Walker Ice Company, thereafter associating himself from time to time with a number of different business enterprises. He was variously engaged until 1909, when he became associated with the Wells Chemical Bronze Company, of Worcester, of which he has been treasurer and general manager since that time.

No record of Mr. Hamilton's work would be complete without an account of the development of the Wells Chemical Bronze Company itself, with which he has been so prominently associated. This organization came into existence in the early 'sixties, succeeding the Chapin Foundry. It was first situated in Sumner Street, though it subsequently removed to its own building in Temple Street, Worcester, here remaining down to the present time. The specific purpose of the company is the manufacture of brass and bronze castings; and it occupies 10,000 square feet of floor space and employs a maximum of twenty-five workers. The company's products are distributed in a territory covering a radius of seventy miles from Worcester. It is the oldest and largest organization of its kind in Worcester County. Mr. Hamilton is, as already noted, treasurer and general manager.

Aside from his work in building up this great company, Mr. Hamilton figures prominently in the affairs of a number of different groups of Worcester people. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his Masonic affiliation being with Isaiah Thomas Lodge and his Odd Fellows' membership being in Ridgely Lodge. In the Odd Fellows Lodge of which he is a member, he has been through all the chairs of the order. He is likewise active in the Rebekahs; the Lions' International, in which he is affiliated with the Worcester branch; and the Methodist Episcopal Church. Each of the groups with which he is connected is in some definite way the gainer from his participation in its affairs, though he is recognized, first of all, as a business man and a director of the destinies of the Wells Chemical Bronze Company. Through his efficient management, this company has been successful; and his work in the fraternal orders with which he is affiliated has been most useful.

Milo E. Hamilton married, in 1898, V. Blanche Durrell, of Massachusetts. They have two children: 1. Merritt C., who was actively engaged in the military service of his country during the World War, having been connected with the Air Service of the Army; he married a Miss Haynes. 2. Donald E., who was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University.

ELIJAH KENT SWIFT—Among the best known corporation executives and directors in New England is Elijah Kent Swift, president, treasurer, general manager and member of the board of the Whitin Machine Works in the town of Whitinsville. This great concern, of international reputation, was founded in 1831 and has had a continuous and progressive growth. It occupies forty-four acres of floor space and in normal times gives employment to 3,500 men. It builds machinery for the manufacture of cotton, wool, silk, rayon, asbestos and other fabrics and goods. Mr. Swift has numerous other official and advisory associations with important textile, financial and insurance companies in this section of the United States.

Born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, December 10, 1878, E. (Elijah) Kent Swift is the son of Elijah and Myra (Evans) Swift. The family, on either side, is of old American ancestry. His father, who was born in Falmouth, Massachusetts, November 19, 1831, and died there July 17, 1906, served in the Civil War as a first lieutenant in the 38th Massachusetts Regiment of Volunteers. After the war he became a prominent lumberman and dealer in pine lands in Wisconsin. Mr. Swift's mother, who was born April 16, 1840, and died February 27, 1881, was the daughter of Jeremiah and Laura (Munn) Evans.

After graduation from Beloit College Academy, Beloit, Wisconsin, in 1896, E. (Elijah) Kent Swift entered Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, where he was graduated Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1900. In the capacity of an ordinary mechanic he joined the force of the Whitin Machine Works at Whitinsville in September, 1900, and set about learning the business. Through different grades in the plant he worked up to member of the office staff and in 1907 was appointed assistant treasurer. This position he filled with the ability that warranted his election at the end of fourteen years, in 1921, to the dual office of treasurer and general manager, having

been made a member of the board of directors previously.

His interests and associations have broadened remarkably. In addition to his official affiliations with the Whitin Machine Works, he is president and director of the Crown Manufacturing Company, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island; president and director of Nyanza Mills, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island; president and director of the Paul Whitin Manufacturing Company; vice-president and director of the Mumford Securities Company; and vice-president and trustee of the Whitinsville Savings Bank. He is also a director of the Whitinsville National Bank, of Whitinsville; Second National Bank, of Boston; Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Springfield; Boston Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Boston; Mutual Boiler Insurance Company; Linwood Street Railway Company, of Whitinsville; Calhoun Mills, of South Carolina; Arlington Mills, of Lawrence; Ashworth Brothers, of Fall River; Dunean Mills, of Greenville, South Carolina; Lawton Mills Corporation, of Plainfield, Connecticut; Nashawena Mills, of New Bedford; and United Lace and Braid Manufacturing Company, of Providence, Rhode Island.

Mr. Swift is a Republican in his political preference. He is chairman of the finance committee of the town of Northbridge, which municipality he has served as chairman of the board of selectmen. He has also served as president of the Home Market Club of Boston. His fraternal relations include the Masonic Order and the Knights of Pythias. He has been a member and director of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and is a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity. He belongs to numerous clubs, among these being the University Club, Country Club of Brookline, Exchange Club, Tennis and Racquet Club, Boston Madison Square Garden Club, all of Boston; Williams College Club and New York Yacht Club, of New York; Woods Hole Golf Club, of Woods Hole; and Whitinsville Golf Club, of Whitinsville. His religious fellowship is with the Congregational Church.

E. Kent Swift married, April 18, 1911, Katharine Leland Whitin, daughter of George Marston Whitin, former treasurer and general manager of the Whitin Machine Works. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Swift are: Elizabeth Robinson, Katharine Whitin, Anne Whitin, and Elijah Kent Swift, Jr. The Swift family home is in Whitinsville.

GERHARD BECKER—When one is found filling the place in his lifework for which nature and taste have adapted him, and for which practice and experience have fitted him, he renders service of a quality not to be expected from another. Gerhard Becker, of Worcester, is said to be such a person in administering the office of Director of Public Welfare in this city.

Mr. Becker's parents, Frans Richard and Matilda (Lawson) Becker came from Sweden to America, the father in 1881 and the mother in the fall of 1882, and settled in Worcester. Both have since died.

Gerhard Becker was born in the province of Nerike, Sweden, January 6, 1882, and was less than one year old when brought by his mother to the United States, being one of eight children. He attended the public schools of Worcester. This education he supplemented with a course in a business college. When still a lad he had to go to work to aid in support of the large family and was a newsboy for about eleven years. Then he got a job in the plant of the American Steel and Wire Company in this city, and continued in the newspaper business, having other boys carrying routes.

Possessing keen powers of observation, he became deeply interested in social work at an early age, and his friends were of the opinion that he was destined to be a charity worker. There was an interim of five years, during which time he was a bookkeeper in the Worcester Water Department.

It was in July, 1913, that he became identified with the Public Welfare Department of the city of Worcester, and with this branch of the city government he has since been continually associated. He made rapid progress and advancement in the service, and January 27, 1916, was appointed to the position of almoner, the executive head of the department. The title of the office was subsequently changed to director. He is serving the city well and faithfully and is regarded as one of the most efficient officials of the municipality. Among similar officials of other cities he is well and favorably known, and was president of the Massachusetts Relief Officers Association for a number of years.

He is an earnest Republican, a member of the Worcester County Republican Club. His fraternal affiliations include Thule Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and John Erickson Lodge of V. O. He is a past president of the Skandia Sick Benefit Society and a member of a number of social organizations. His religious fellowship is with the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, where he is superintendent of the Sunday school.

Gerhard Becker married, July 8, 1916, Alfhild Dahlstrom, and they have three children: 1. Edward G., born July 1, 1918. 2. Herbert R., born May 11, 1923. 3. Jean Marie, born August 3, 1925. The Becker family residence is No. 17 Bellingham Road, Worcester.

JAMES N. HEALD was born in Barre, Massachusetts, September 21, 1864, son of Leander S. and Ann A. Heald. Educated in the public schools of his birthplace he was subsequently graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1884. Immediately afterwards he entered the family business at Barre, whose history has few counterparts anywhere in the United States for unbroken ownership and management in a single family. James N. Heald was the third in direct descent to control the Heald enterprise.

This business was established in 1826 by Stephen Heald, who did machine jobbing in his little shop and later produced agricultural and wire drawing machinery. In 1850 an iron foundry was added—the only one for miles around. Stephen Heald died in 1888. Previously he had taken his son Leander into partnership under the firm name of S. Heald and Son. After the death of the founder of the business the name was subsequently changed to L. S. Heald and Son, as Leander Heald, in turn, took his son James N., into partnership. It was James N. Heald who was largely responsible for the remarkable expansion of the enterprise during the last three decades. He took over the management of the company just at the beginning

of this period of growth and in 1903 bought out his father's interest, organizing the Heald Machine Company. It was then that the business was transferred to Worcester, where it has since remained. The original shop of the company here was ninety by one hundred feet. Today it occupies a building three hundred by six hundred feet, and at times employs eight hundred men.

At the time of his death on May 6, 1931, James N. Heald was president and general manager of the company. He had built it up into one of Worcester's most important industries and had become himself a leading figure in the life of the city. Mr. Heald was a director of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, director and treasurer of the National Machine Tool Builders Association for many years, and a trustee of the Peoples Saving Bank. He was also a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a member of the Commonwealth Club, the Worcester Country Club, Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Worcester County Mechanics Association, Society of Automotive Engineers and the Alumni Association of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He was a member of the Worcester Board of Assessors. On September 19, 1894, James N. Heald married Mabel Allen, daughter of Charles G. Allen, of Barre, and they became the parents of four sons: 1. Roger Newton. 2. Richard A. 3. Robert S. 4. Stanley W. Mr. Heald's death removed one of Worcester's ablest and most progressive citizens. He took a keen interest in the public welfare and contributed generously of his time, substance and energy to its promotion. In his relations with his employees, he was always just and considerate, and his hundreds of workers gave him their respect and unswerving loyalty. He was widely mourned among all classes of Worcester people.

Roger Newton Heald, born October 13, 1896, eldest son of James N. and Mabel (Allen) Heald, received his preliminary education in the Worcester public schools. In 1916 he was graduated from Worcester Academy and later attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute, preparing for his career in the Heald Machine Company. After the entry of the United States into the World War he was attached to the air service in Pittsburgh, and at the close of war returned to Worcester, entering the Heald factory in 1919 to learn the details of the business by first-hand experience. At his father's death, he was vice-president and works manager and since that time has been president of the company. Other officers of the corporation include: Silas T. Massie, vice-president; and Richard A. Heald, treasurer and secretary. They constitute the board of directors with the addition of Paul B. Morgan and John W. Harrington. Mr. Heald is well qualified by native ability and specific experience for the responsibilities of his office, continuing the sound policies of operation which have proved so successful in the past. He is a member of the Worcester Country Club, the Worcester Club, the Worcester Academy Alumni Association, and is a trustee of the Peoples Savings Bank.

On June 2, 1923, Roger Newton Heald married Bernice Barrett of Worcester, and they have two children: 1. Philip B., born October 13, 1927. 2. Sally, born January 18, 1932.

Richard A. Heald, second son of James N. and Mabel (Allen) Heald, has been treasurer of the Heald Machine Company since 1929. He is a graduate of Worcester Academy, class of 1916, attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and like his brother was in the Air Service during the war, being stationed on Long Island. He is a member of the Worcester Club and the Worcester Country Club. Richard A. Heald married Pauline Winter. They have two children: 1. James N., 2d, born in December, 1927. 2. Nina, born in May, 1930.

JAMES J. HURLEY—One of the popular of the younger citizens of Worcester, James J. Hurley, attorney-at-law, has won his way to prominence both as a lawyer and a man interested in civic affairs. He is a native of Middletown, Connecticut, born January 9, 1893, the son of Daniel and Catherine (Ahern) Hurley, who came from Ireland to America during the Civil War and settled in Middletown where the elder Mr. Hurley died in 1925. Mrs. Hurley is still a resident of Middletown, Connecticut.

James J. Hurley attended the public schools of his birthplace and later matriculated at the Northeastern University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated June 15, 1921, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar of Worcester County, six months earlier, March 21, 1921, and had already become associated with the law firm consisting of Alexander H. Bullock and John M. Thayer. Mr. Hurley practiced his profession with great success with this concern until 1930, since which time he has practiced alone. To Messrs. Bullock and Thayer, he credits much valuable experience which has been helpful in his personal achievements as a lawyer.

Mr. Hurley has been interested in politics since before he cast a vote. He was elected to the City Council from Ward Three, to serve through 1922 and 1923, and was made an alderman in 1925. He was also a candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor of Worcester, in 1931. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being Chaplain of the latter in 1931. He is also treasurer of Worcester Garden City. Over a period of four years Mr. Hurley was president of the Father Mathews Temperance Society; president of Division No. 35, Ancient Order of Hibernians for two years; and president of the United Divisions, Ancient Order of Hibernians. He has done much to help the needy, both in organizations and by private gifts.

On October 14, 1925, James J. Hurley married Helen M McGillicudy, and they are the parents of two children: 1. John, born May 2, 1927. 2. James, born December 29, 1932.

WILLIAM F. FOLEY—Throughout his business career William F. Foley, has been connected with transportation in one form or another, prior to his locating in Worcester and establishing the Motor Tire Service Company. This concern he started in 1915 at No. 748 Main Street, and it was an immediate success. Ten years later it was moved to a more ample location at No. 795 Main Street, and its equipment and facilities greatly enlarged. Mr. Foley is a native of Warren, Massachusetts, born August 26, 1877, a son of Jeremiah J. and Mary (Cronin) Foley, both of

whom were born in Massachusetts of Irish progenitors. William J. Foley was educated in the public schools of Warren, and at an early age set out to make a livelihood for himself.

The first steady job which Mr. Foley secured was with the American Express Company, at Springfield, Massachusetts, with which corporation he was employed in various capacities for about seven years. He resigned in 1902 to go to New York City to establish an express business of his own. This he conducted for about two years with fair success, after which he sold out and returned to Springfield as the manager of the Boston and Springfield Express Company, remaining for another seven years. Again he resigned to go into business for himself, this time as the proprietor of an express between Hartford, Connecticut, and New York City. Three years later he became connected with the Mellor Manufacturing Company, at North Hampton, Massachusetts, and after a year's experience came to Worcester to set up the Motor Tire Service Company as the sole owner and manager. He invested no large sum in this enterprise, and did little more expanding than the trade required. He had the natural qualifications for success, and experience had taught him how to make the most of an opportunity. At the time of writing, after a period which was not such as to make for profits, the company has enlarged so that it occupies many times its original floor space, and includes everything that goes into the making of a complete plant of its kind. Every kind of automobile and motor truck supply is carried in stock, and all manner of services are available. There are two filling stations, and a fully equipped modern machine shop. Mr. Foley has always been keenly interested in the progress in the communities in which he lived. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the Wachusett Country Club and the Commercial Travelers. Hunting and fishing are among his chief sports which he enjoyed in various parts of the United States and Canada, he has also hunted moose in the forests of New Brunswick.

In October, 1902, Mr. Foley married Helen E. Murphy of Springfield, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Anna G., born in 1904. 2. John W., born in 1916.

JOSEPH D. LANGLOIS was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, September 15, 1877, son of Ulric Langlois, a blacksmith, and Celina (Cagnon) Langlois. He received his education in the public schools of his native district and then, at an early age, began the task of earning a livelihood, being associated, at various times, with several different enterprises. For twelve years he was foreman in the employ of the T. H. Buckley Company, manufacturers of lunch cars, and later he associated himself with the J. J. Hennigan Company, who were engaged in the same line of manufacture. His next move was to Gardner, Massachusetts. By this time he had decided that he would engage in business for himself, so he learned the wheelwright's trade and for ten years continued in that work; but during that time, while giving careful attention to his wheelwright business, he was also, up to 1913, running a lunch car. This last occupation prepared him for his next venture, and in 1913 he took over the National Hotel, which he operated successfully until 1920. In that year he engaged in the brick-making business, planning, eventually, to develop a manufacturing company of his own in this field. In 1926, in association with several other gentlemen, Mr. Langlois organized the Worcester Brick Company, of which he has been treasurer and general manager. The plant and offices of the Worcester Brick Company, at No. 188 Plantation Street, occupy twenty-six and one-half acres of land. At first the company employed forty-eight people, but since the installation of modern machinery, such as steam shovels, conveyors, hydraulic presses, and the like, the number of employees has been reduced to twenty-eight. The Worcester Brick Company has furnished brick for many of the large buildings that have been erected in Worcester and vicinity since 1926, including the $2,000,000 Auditorium, the new post office, the Worcester Art Museum, Grafton Hospital, Notre Dame Church, St. Joseph's Church, and many others.

Mr. Langlois is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Catholic Order of Foresters, also of the Society of St. Jean Baptist and of the Artisans. In his religious faith he is a Catholic, holding membership in the Church of Notre Dame, at Worcester.

Joseph D. Langlois married, in 1898, Albertine Benoit, and they are the parents of a large family, of which they are justly proud. The children are: Charles, Ernest, Louis, Leo Paul, Arthur, Anita, Cecile, Juliette, Leah, Sylvia, Lorraine, Armand and Jeannette. The Langlois residence is No. 1 Salem Square, Worcester, at the Salem Square Hotel, which Mr. Langlois owns and Mrs. Langlois operates, a hotel containing some sixty rooms and located in the central part of the city of Worcester.

WILLIAM SWINTON BENNETT HOPKINS (JR.)—Son of a great father who "was at the very head of the Massachusetts bar," William S. B. Hopkins (Jr.), has not endeavored to shine in the reflected light of one of the ablest legal exponents of his day. Rather has he stood in his own shoes, while emulating his sire to the extent of adopting the law as his profession. For nearly three decades he has been assistant clerk of courts of Worcester County, and in that office continues to render constructive service gratifying alike to bench and bar in this jurisdiction.

William Swinton Bennett Hopkins, Sr., father of the clerk of Worcester County courts, was born in Charleston, South Carolina, May 2, 1836, son of Erastus and Sarah Hannah (Bennett) Hopkins. At one time, Erastus Hopkins occupied a place of leadership in both the Free Soil and Republican parties in western Massachusetts. He was a Lincoln-for-President delegate to the national convention that nominated the Emancipator. His great-grandfather, Dr. Samuel Hopkins, was minister in Hadley for fifty-four years, and a son of Dr. Samuel Hopkins, of West Springfield, and Esther (Edwards) Hopkins, a sister of Rev. Jonathan Edwards. The immigrant ancestor of this Hopkins family was John Hopkins, who came from London, England, with Rev. Thomas Hooker in 1633, and located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, whence he removed to Hartford, Connecticut, in 1636. Colonel Hopkins' mother was a descendant of Thomas

Bennett, who came from England to Charleston, South Carolina, and married Mary Swinton, whose father came from Scotland and was a member of an ancient Scotch family. Their son, Thomas Bennett, married (first) Hayes Singletary, of St. Paul's Parish, and married (second) Anna Hayes Warnock. William Swinton Bennett, son of Thomas Bennett, Jr., and grandfather of Colonel Hopkins, married Anna Theus, daughter of Major Simon Theus, a soldier of the Revolution, and Rebecca (Legare) Theus, both parents of Huguenot ancestry.

The boyhood of William Swinton Bennett Hopkins, Sr., was spent in Northampton, Massachusetts, to which town he returned in his early youth with his father. He attended public and private classical schools until his entrance at Williams College, where he completed his course and was graduated Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1855. His *alma mater* honored him with a Doctorate of Laws in 1896. On the occasion of the centennial celebration of the founding of the college he served as chief marshal of the commencement. He was at one time president of the Williams College Alumni Association. Having pursued some reading of law in the office of Hon. William Allen in Northampton, he concluded his studies in the Harvard Law School, and was admitted to practice in January, 1858. In August, 1858, he opened an office in Ware, Massachusetts, but the Civil War and its demands upon his patriotism invaded a budding practice.

Mr. Hopkins received the commission of a captain from Governor Andrew in October, 1861, and recruited a company for the 31st Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. With his command he was ordered to the South, and landed at New Orleans, Louisiana, May 1, 1862. Soon afterward he was advanced to lieutenant-colonel and was at the head of his regiment for the greater time of his term of service, November 1, 1861, to April 8, 1864. He participated in the entire Teche campaign in 1863, ending with the capitulation of Port Hudson. He was with his regiment until December, 1863, when it was converted into cavalry and soon thereafter he resigned his commission.

Mr. Hopkins resumed the practice of law in May, 1864, at New Orleans, in which city he remained until September, 1866 meantime acting as special counsel for the United States Treasury Department. On his return to Massachusetts in October, 1866, he established an office in Greenfield, Franklin County, where he was in practice seven years.

It was in 1873 that Mr. Hopkins transferred his interests to Worcester, and with this city and county he was identified for the rest of his life. His first partnership relation was with Peter C. Bacon; later he was associated with Henry Bacon and Frank B. Smith under the style of Hopkins, Bacon and Smith. Following the death of Henry Bacon, the firm was reorganized with Frank B. Smith and the senior Hopkins, and his son, William Swinton Bennett Hopkins (Jr.), the new title adopted being Hopkins, Smith and Hopkins. With sustained zeal and great earnestness he gave himself to the practice of his profession, for which he had an abiding love. He was so closely wedded to his practice that no offer of appointment to the bench or advancement into some great public service could lure him from it. His interest in public affairs was, however, always keen, and his responsibilities as a citizen he fulfilled with rare ability and a readiness of service that was most exemplary. Before he had attained his majority, he was found stumping for Fremont for President. He subsequently espoused the Republican cause and was staunch and eager in its support. Frequently he presided at rallies held in Mechanics Hall, Worcester. He was sent by his district as a delegate to the Republican National Convention which nominated James Abram Garfield for President, and in 1897 he presided over the proceedings of the Republican State Convention. He held the office of district attorney of the Northwestern District in 1871-1874, that of district attorney of the Worcester District in 1884-87, and of city solicitor of Worcester in 1893-97.

It was claimed for Mr. Hopkins by his contemporaries that he was second to none as a public speaker in the mellowing years of his latter life. Possessed of histrionic ability, he exercised his voice to the best advantage and his manner with telling effect in making his addresses. Extremely fond of the drama, he had participated in amateur theatricals. Even in the dry discussion of contested legal points in court, he was almost always assured of a large and interested gallery of his legal brethren on such occasions. It was a rare treat to hear and see him in action at the bar. He was especially felicitous in his fervid oratory on Memorial Day, on which annually he was sought as the principal speaker here. It was he who made the presentation speech, one of great beauty of rhetoric and eloquence, when the portrait of "Tom" Plunkett was placed in the Hall of Fame in Mechanics Hall. Both Colonel Hopkins, and his greatest professional rival, F. P. Goulding, were orators at the exercises held in Mechanics Hall in commemmoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of Worcester as a city. A paragraph of Colonel Hopkins' address on that occasion stands forth:

> Worcester has always been and is patriotically devoted to the country and the flag, and in its defense in every time of need she has been ready to shed her young blood. Under Bigelow she promptly started her minutemen for Concord, and her citizens stood for the flag with Washington through the Revolution and at Yorktown; her soldiers and sailors stood for the flag with Perry and Decatur on the sea and with Jackson at New Orleans: under the lead of Lincoln she stood for the flag with Taylor at Buena Vista and Scott at Chepultepec; under the lead of Devens, another Lincoln and a Ward she stood for the flag from Bull Run to Appomattox; and now again in army and navy she bravely stands for the flag which waves over Dewey and Manila, and Sampson and Schley and Shafter at Santiago.

Colonel Hopkins was affiliated with the Sigma Phi Fraternity of Williams College, the New York University Club, Boston University Club and the Worcester Club, of which last-named organization he once served as president. He died at Pinehurst, North Carolina, January 14, 1900, in his sixty-fourth year. At memorial exercises held by the Worcester County Bar Association in the courthouse in this city, April 10, 1900, the colonel's former adversary in many a forensic encounter in the legal arena, F. P. Goulding, delivered a eulogy in which he said in part:

> We shall say that he was, on the whole, equipped with the finest and best trained powers for the trial of causes of any displayed at this

bar for a generation. We shall say that if he was not the best beloved of our associates, no one was more closely or securely placed in our affections. . . . I must draw him as I saw him from day to day, in association which was for the most part one of antagonism—professional antagonism—always strenuous and unyielding, and looking for a victory on each side, yet friendly and constantly with mutual respect. Such a relation is calculated to put the touchstone to character; and he must be a dull scholar who in that school does not learn the limitations and infirmities of his opponent, whether or not he learns the difficult lesson of his own limitations and infirmities. I think I knew the strength of this great lawyer, and knew also where the limits of it lay, if any were discoverable. In my estimate, the most striking characteristic of his power was his readiness. Nobody ever crossed swords with our friend who did not soon understand that he had met not merely an adroit master of legal fence, but also one whose powerful stroke could break down any opposing force not based on solid reason and fact. . . . There was something in that imperturbed equipoise, that self-contained tranquility, in the manner of our friend, on the eve of a great case, and in the midst of strife, where he was putting forth his utmost powers. Others might fret and sputter with ill-supressed nervous anxiety. He had no energy to waste in that way. An over-anxious client, who did not know him well, might think his counsel indifferent to his cause, and apprehend that this quiet gentleman was hardly up to the grade of a more demonstrative antagonist; but when the engagement was on, he would find that no resources of skill, no sagacity in choice of position, no strength of argument, no eloquence of appeal, were wanting to bring his cause to a prosperous conclusion, whatever the force might be which was arrayed against him.

He knew the law well, and he knew general literature well. His wide experience of cases necessarily acquainted him with the whole field of legal principles and his legal intuitions were quick and sound, so that the bearing of authorities at once was luminously clear to him. Rarely did he, if ever, fail to concede what might be plausibly claimed on the other side, and more rarely did he shun the hard places in his own case. He had small skill in dust-throwing and befogging a subject. He would fight his opponent in the open, squarely meeting the real cause in dispute. His attack or defense had rarely any finesse, except the legitimate finesse which is another name for true art in expression and exposition.

No man in the State was listened to with more interest and respect by the higher courts. He wasted none of their time with irrelevancies, but got at the heart of the controversy at once, and treated it in a natural way that could but illuminate the path to a just decision.

With juries he was a power not easily matched. Possessed of a natural ease and fluency of speech, he had encountered in youth some of the strongest men of the Massachusetts bar and learned what Webster learned in his encounters with Mason that success in forensic contests that depend upon rhetoric is short lived. He eschewed rhetoric that did not advance his argument and he had ample supply of the kind that is ancillary to logic. If ever a man in these modern days illustrated by his work that the art of advocacy is a liberal art, he did so. The pettifogging instinct was foreign to his nature and to his practice. With a patience not easily surprised, even by the annoying tactics of the most vexatious antagonist, he never met such onsets by anything similar. And what was strong evidence of his just valuation of his own powers, he was never unduly cast down by defeat.

He died possessed of a great reputation as a lawyer. What was said of him by a distinguished friend of his and a member of our bar under the first shock of bereavement that "he was at the very head of the Massachusetts bar," will be endorsed after mature reflection by our whole fraternity.

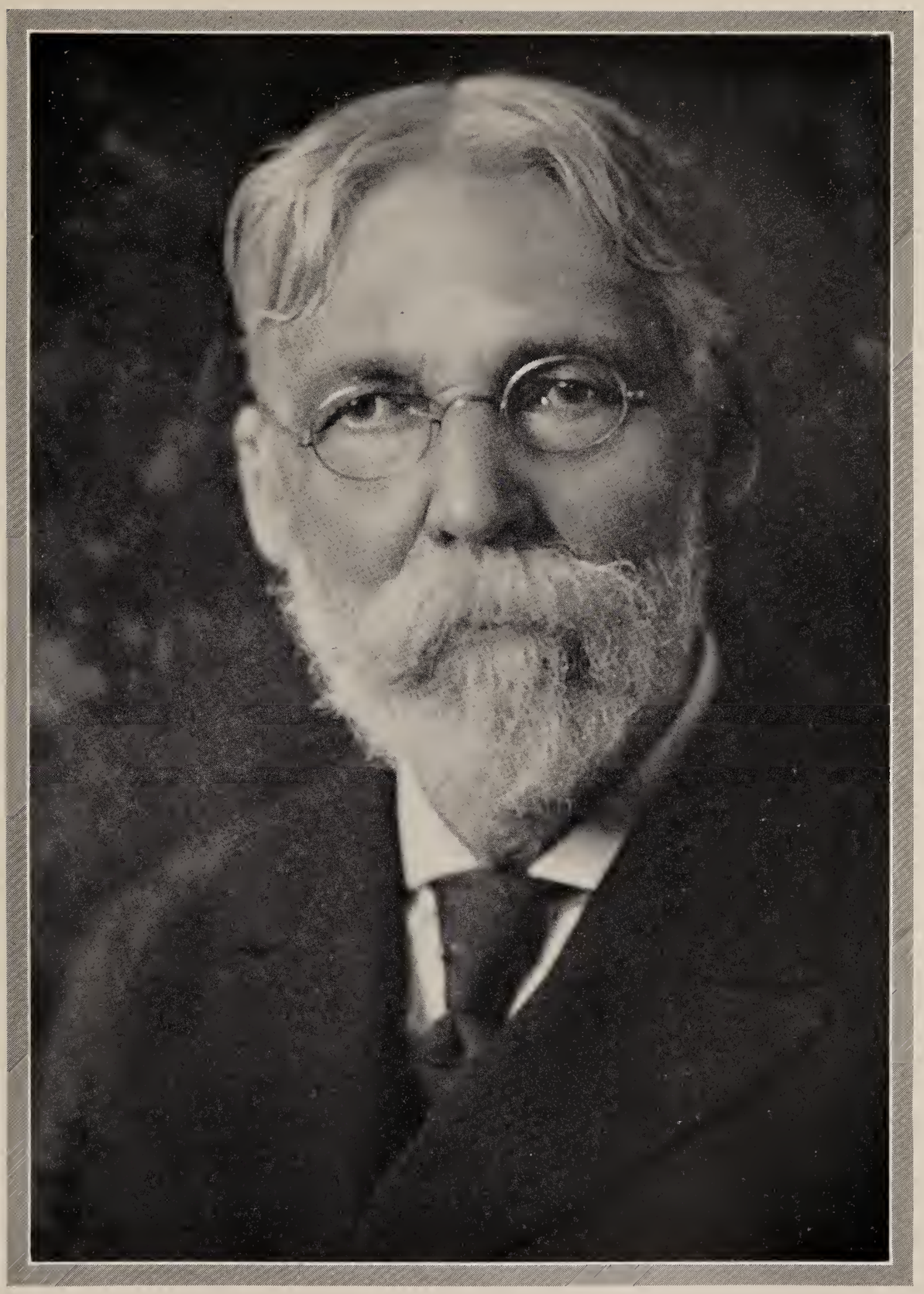
Thus passed one of the finest minds known in the annals of jurisprudence of this Commonwealth, one who by the giving of his word might have ascended the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Colonel William Swinton Bennett Hopkins, Sr., married, January 20, 1859, Elizabeth Sarah Peck, of Easthampton, Massachusetts. Of their union there were born: 1. Sarah Bennett. 2. Erastus. 3. Elizabeth Peck, married Alfred L. Aiken. 4. William Swinton Bennett (Jr.), of whom further mention.

William Swinton Bennett Hopkins (Jr.), was born in Greenfield, Massachusetts, November 21, 1871, second son and youngest child of Colonel William Swinton Bennett and Elizabeth Sarah (Peck) Hopkins. His mother, born in Hatfield, Massachusetts, November 8, 1837, died in Worcester September 24, 1915, was a descendant of Joseph Peck, who came from Hingham, England, to New Hingham, Massachusetts. Having received his early and college preparatory training, the latter in Worcester, he entered Williams College, where he won his degree of Bachelor of Arts and graduated in the class of 1894. He pursued two years of legal studies at the Harvard Law School, 1895-96, and a year in the office of his father, 1897. On June 30, 1897, he was admitted to the bar of Worcester County. In 1897 he entered the co-partnership of Hopkins, Smith and Hopkins, in association with which he practiced in Worcester until 1902, in which year the firm was dissolved. His next connection was as the senior member of the firm of Hopkins and Estey, the junior partner being Edward T. Estey, this arrangement continuing in effect until 1907, when it was dissolved by mutual consent.

It was in 1904 that Mr. Hopkins received his appointment as assistant clerk of courts of Worcester County, in which office he has performed a service commensurate with the family's tradition for excellence in the law. He is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, a trustee of the Worcester County Institution for Savings, a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Worcester Historical Society, Worcester County Musical Association, and Worcester Fire Society. His politics is that of his fathers, Republican, and he belongs to the Republican Club of Worcester. He is a member of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Worcester County Bar Association, Sigma Phi Fraternity of Williams College, Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, Economic Club, Worcester Shakespeare Club, Players Club of Worcester, Fay Club of Fitchburg, Williams Club of New York and Worcester Art Museum. For eighteen years he has been a member of the vestry of All Saints Protestant Episcopal Church and has also served as clerk of the board. Mr. Hopkins' town residence is at No. 167 Pleasant Street, and country residence is "Windy Acres," at Boylston in this county. His official address is the Worcester County Court House in the city of Worcester.

JOHN WILSON BISHOP—Founder and executive head of the J. W. Bishop Company, building contractors of Worcester, John Wilson Bishop was for almost half a century an active figure in the life of this city. His foresight and vision, his energy and executive talents were all reflected in the growth and success of the company which he established. It was called into existence through his initiative, and with sure hand he guided



John Wilson Bishop

its affairs for many years. Mr. Bishop rose to prominence through his own efforts. At the time of his death he was in all probability the oldest building contractor actively engaged in business in New England, a respected and well loved figure whose useful career contributed no little to the advancement of those communities in which his life was spent.

Mr. Bishop was born in White Sands, Prince Edward Island, now a province of Canada, on May 29, 1846, a son of William and Sarah (Hooper) Bishop. His father, a ship carpenter by trade, came to Canada from Plymouth, England, in 1818 and was for many years employed in the shipyards at St. John, New Brunswick. He was also for a time a farmer at White Sands, in the southern part of the island. Sarah (Hooper) Bishop, his wife, was also a native of England, a daughter of William Hooper. In 1857 William Bishop moved with his family to Lonsdale, Rhode Island. There were nine children in the family, and those who lived to maturity resided chiefly in Lonsdale, Providence and Smithfield.

John Wilson Bishop, following the custom of the time, went to work very early in the cotton mills in Lonsdale, joining the other boys of the neighborhood. Their schooling was very short and was limited to such instruction as the public schools afforded. Mr. Bishop attended classes for only a year, but he realized the importance of education in a successful and well-rounded life and for many years he applied himself with characteristic energy to study during his spare hours. Indeed, he never lost the habit, and it is safe to say that he was as widely informed as any who had the advantages of the best school training.

At fifteen, Mr. Bishop left the cotton mill to learn the trade of carpenter in the employ of Ezra Bliss of Pawtucket, and two years later moved to Providence, working for a year or more for John and Charles Hull, builders in that city. When he became of age he left home altogether, striking out for himself in order to find a field of larger opportunity. It was at this time that Mr. Bishop first came to Worcester. Entering the employ of H. W. Eddy, a Worcester contractor and builder, who had a carpenter's shop on Norwich Street, he afterwards worked for other builders in the city, including William Sibley, Thomas G. Learned, and George S. Clough. He was always a skillful craftsman, and when he entered business as a builder for himself in 1874, he had a thorough training in all branches of carpenter and shop work. Mr. Bishop rented a carpenter shop on Central Street and obtained his first contract in erecting the large brick stables of Harrington Brothers, on Central Street, a work of some magnitude for a young contractor. Then he built the residence of Thomas B. Eaton on Boynton Street, and later the residences of C. S. Goddard and W. B. Fay, on Irving Street, both fine and costly houses. These early successes brought him considerable public attention, and from that time on his business developed rapidly.

In 1880 Mr. Bishop joined hands with George H. Cutting, another capable builder, with whom he continued in partnership for thirteen years under the firm name of Cutting and Bishop. The business of the firm was extensive from the first and the partners were everywhere considered to be among the foremost builders of the State. When the firm was finally dissolved in 1893, Mr. Bishop continued in business alone under the name of J. W. Bishop and Company. As the passing years brought a still further increase to his business, he considered it wise to incorporate, and in 1899 became president of the J. W. Bishop Company, Inc., of which he was the principal owner.

The numerous and enduring monuments to Mr. Bishop's ability and attainments may be seen in the buildings which he erected in all parts of the country. These include both public and private structures, palaces at Newport and Lennox, great government buildings and substantial business blocks. As a previous biographer has written of him: "The list of his contracts would fill pages, and the full story of his life work would require a volume by itself. But just as enduring as the brick and stone will be the story of his rise from humble circumstances by his own efforts, his self-training and his long and successful career. His life is one of the best as a guide and example to ambitious youth, an encouragement for the young men starting on the road he traveled."

Headquarters of the J. W. Bishop Company, including both offices and mill, are located at Nos. 107 and 109 Foster Street, Worcester. The woodwork for contracts in this section and the ornamental iron work as well are wrought in the shops here located. The Boston office of the company is in the Essex Building, No. 683 Atlantic Avenue; the New York office at No. 101 Park Avenue; and other offices are located in New Bedford, Providence and Bridgeport. The aggregate annual business of the company has amounted for many years to several million dollars. In addition to Mr. Bishop, other officers of the company included at the time of his death: John Warren Bishop, Jr. (q. v.), his son, vice-president and general manager, who subsequently succeeded his father as president; Herbert N. Leach, treasurer, who died in 1929; and Heywood S. French, Boston, who died in 1932, and Robert F. Brown, New York, vice-presidents.

Mr. Bishop had little time for other enterprises than his own, but from time to time organized various subsidiary companies to manufacture materials used in his business. He was also a director of the Clason Architectural Metal Works and president of Bishop Securities, Inc. In other fields, Mr. Bishop was affiliated fraternally with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order was also a member of Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He was affiliated in addition with Worcester Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a member of the Worcester County Mechanics' Association, the Worcester Country Club, the Turks Head Club of Providence, Rhode Island, and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. In politics he was a Republican, while in religious faith he attended, with his family, the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Worcester.

On January 4, 1870, John Wilson Bishop married Sarah A. Foster, who died on October 17, 1923, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jane (Fales) Foster. She was a direct descendant of Samuel Foster, the first of the family in this country, who was born in England in 1619 and settled early in Dedham; and a descendant of James Fales, the immigrant, who came from England to Dedham in 1650. Lemuel Fales, of the fourth generation of this family in America, served in the Revolution,

along with Abner Torrey, Jr., another ancestor of Mrs. Bishop. All families from which she was descended are traced back to the pioneers of New England.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop became the parents of nine children, as follows: 1. Mina, born January 24, 1871, died in infancy. 2. William Thomas, born February 25, 1872, died in October, 1911. He was associated with his father in business and was vice-president of the J. W. Bishop Company. 3. Frederick Herbert, born November 19, 1874, died in infancy. 4. Florence Jane, born August 24, 1875. 5. Marion Edith, born August 16, 1877, married, March 4, 1897, Thomas H. Coe, of Worcester. 6. John Warren, Jr. (q. v.). 7. Sarah Adelaide, born July 6, 1881, died May 12, 1912. 8. Alice Marie, born July 7, 1884, died in infancy. 9. Nathaniel Smart, born January 31, 1886, died April 13, 1904.

Mr. Bishop died on October 22, 1923, surviving his wife by only a few days. His death brought to its close a long and successful career and removed from Worcester life a figure who had been one of its most distinguished residents for many years.

JOHN WARREN BISHOP—Son of a distinguished father, John Warren Bishop in his own career has continued the traditions of prominence long associated with the family name in Worcester life. He is today executive head of the J. W. Bishop Company, general contractors, the firm established by his father, and has been chiefly responsible for its operations over many years. He was early called upon to assume weighty duties and obligations, and in spite of what may be called the handicap of a successful parent has stood solidly on his own feet, rising to his present position through the merit of his services.

The Bishop family is of English origin and for many generations has been established in Plymouth, England, where its members have played their part in the life of the city. William Bishop, Mr. Bishop's grandfather, a ship carpenter by trade, emigrated from Plymouth to Canada in 1818, establishing the family on this side of the Atlantic on Prince Edward Island. For some time he was engaged as a farmer at White Sands, Prince Edward Island, and later followed his trade for many years at St. John, New Brunswick, in the great shipyards of that city. He married Sarah Hooper, and in 1857 the family removed to Lonsdale, Rhode Island. Of the nine children of this marriage, John Wilson Bishop, who was born at White Sands, Prince Edward Island, on May 29, 1846, won an outstanding position in the construction world of New England, achieving, entirely through his own efforts and in the space of a few decades, such success as is ordinarily the result of consistent effort extending over several generations. The record of his life, which precedes this, is full of interest. Mr. Bishop married, on January 4, 1870, Sarah A. Foster, whose distinguished ancestry links the Bishop line with many of the most noteworthy pioneers of New England of the seventeenth century.

John Warren Bishop, of this record, was born in the city of Worcester, on January 14, 1880. He received his education in Worcester, studying in the local public schools, and receiving supplementary instruction privately in special lines. He early determined to become associated with his father in business, and his entire early training was directed toward that end. At the age of seventeen, Mr. Bishop took up his life work as an apprentice under his father's direction, starting with the men engaged in brick laying and carpentry work and spending some time in all departments of the business. Thus from manual labor to office work, he mastered every detail connected with the operation of the company, fitting himself for executive responsibilities by acquiring a wide background of knowledge and experience. He filled successively the offices of foreman and superintendent of construction, and eventually, as he demonstrated his capacity for larger executive duties, became general manager of the company. This position he filled until his father's death, serving also as vice-president of the company. When his father died in 1923, Mr. Bishop succeeded him as chief owner and executive head of the business. Like his father, he possesses rare insight in judging the character and abilities of others and has been guided by the same allegiance to the highest ethical ideals. He has always dealt fairly, not only with those for whom he undertakes contracts, but also with the men in his employ. This sympathetic interest, which the executives of the company have always taken in the welfare of the men in their employ, is reflected in the long years of friendly relations maintained between the company and its employees. While other companies have met severe reverses because of labor troubles, the J. W. Bishop Company has been able to proceed with a minimum of friction. Such loyalty on the part of their men is an impressive tribute to the character of the founder of the company and his successors as well as to the wisdom of the policies which he originally laid down.

In addition to his connection with the J. W. Bishop Company, Mr. Bishop is a director of Bishop Securities, Inc. He is affiliated fraternally with Isaiah Thomas Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Worcester, and is also active in club circles, being a member of the Worcester Country Club, the Commonwealth Club of Worcester, the New Bedford Country Club, and the Wamsutta Club of New Bedford.

John Warren Bishop married Ruby Dixon, of Worcester, daughter of Rufus S. and Cora (Bemis) Dixon. They maintain their residence on Barre Road, Paxton.

GEORGE H. HILL—Former Chief of Police, and at the time of writing manager of the Worcester Safety Council, George H. Hill is one of the best known and deservedly respected citizens of Worcester. He was born at Lawton, Michigan, September 13, 1869, a son of George B. A. and Harriett M. (Harrington) Hill. His father was a native of Maine and his mother of New York, the family moving to Worcester, Massachusetts in 1871, when the senior Hill was connected with the American Steel and Wire Corporation for some years prior to his death.

George H. Hill was educated in the grade and high schools of Worcester, and accepted his first employment of any importance in the Worcester City Electrician's office. During the four years he was thus employed he also was a member of one of the local fire companies and did his duty as a volunteer fireman. In about 1888, Mr. Hill became a member of the Police Department of Worces-

ter, and as such won an enviable reputation as a public servant. From March 1, 1913 to March 10, 1928, he was Chief of Police. It is worthy of note that his period of service as chief included some of the most strenuous years in the annals of Worcester, including the World War with its difficult problems and its aftermath of discontent and crime. Mr. Hill directed the affairs of his position with straightforward courage yet he was also a conciliator and tried to harmonize diverse elements, the friend of everyone, even of the criminal whom he had to jail. It is said of him that he never failed to lend a helping hand to the young man or woman who showed any desire to leave the wrong path into which they had stepped.

Chief Hill resigned from the post he had filled so many years with so remarkable success to accept in March, 1928, the managership of the Worcester Safety Council. As is well known safety councils are civic organizations of modern origin, formed for the purpose which their name implies, the promotion of safety from all kinds of accident, whether these be those of vehicular traffic, fire, industry or home. It not only attempts to prevent accidents by physical means, but by education and coöperation. It is a non-profit organization of public-minded citizens and has been eminently efficient in Worcester. The city could have paid George H. Hill no greater compliment than choosing him to head this important council.

Fraternally, Mr. Hill is affiliated with Montacute Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Altheia Grotto, and also Central Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a popular figure in the New England Chiefs of Police Association, and the Massachusetts Association of Chiefs of Police and is a member of the Rotary Club, the Shaffner Society, the Worcester Bowling Club, and the local organization of the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Hill married (first), in 1894, Lillian L. Seavy, and they were the parents of six children, of whom four are living: Harry S., Robert B., Charles E., and Charlotte. Mrs. Hill died in 1907. Mr. Hill married (second) in October, 1913, Mary G. Stalker, who died in 1927. He married (third), in 1929, Bessie M. Daniels, of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hill reside at No. 17 Colonial Road, Worcester.

HAROLD LONG ROBINSON—Following a series of connections with different phases of civil engineering in association with various concerns, Harold L. Robinson entered the private practice of his profession in which he has been engaged for a number of years. His offices in Worcester as a civil and consulting engineer are among the busiest in the county from the viewpoint of the profession. He has a large and select clientage, and is also chairman of the Board of Survey and secretary of the City Planning Board, departments of the city government of Worcester.

Harold Long Robinson, son of Henry C. and Emma G. Robinson, was born in Boston, March 1, 1889, and was graduated Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the class of 1911. In the same year he accepted a position of construction engineer for the Aberthaw Construction Company, and remained with this company until 1913. In the latter year he went to Swift and Company in a similar capacity and was with them for two years. He became concrete engineer for H. K. Barrows in 1915; in 1916 was installed as safety engineer for the Norton Company and later was personnel manager for the Crompton-Knowles Loom Works, this latter connection being maintained for eight years.

It was in 1924 that Mr. Robinson entered private practice in his own name, and he has built up a large business drawn from among the desirable companies and individuals of the city and county. He was the engineer of design and construction of the residential park known as Westwood Hills in Worcester. Since it was created in 1925, he has been chairman of the Worcester City Board of Survey, and this office, together with his membership on the City Planning Board, has been conducive to improved conditions in the physical, architectural and topographical appearance of the city in a large degree. He is a former member of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers and is a member and former president of the Worcester Society of Civil Engineers. Among his clubs are the Worcester Economic, Kiwanis, Worcester University and the Mechanics Association. He is a Republican in politics and a Universalist in religion. His hobbies, if such they be called, are the radio and cross-word puzzles.

Mr. Robinson married, April 20, 1912, at Winchester, Massachusetts, Frances Spaulding, and they have children: 1. Henry C. 2. Helen H. 3. Richard S. Mr. Robinson has his offices at No. 22 Elm Street, and his residence at No. 109 Morningside Road, Worcester.

ALBERT HENRY INMAN is senior partner of the firm of Pratt and Inman, which has an unbroken history of more than one hundred years and today occupies a prominent position in the business life of Worcester.

Albert Henry Inman was born in Worcester, June 30, 1868, son of William Herbert and Mary E. (Cheney) Inman. He received his formal education in the public schools and entered the employ of Pratt and Inman in 1887 at the age of eighteen, beginning as a laborer and rising as he mastered the details of each position that he filled. In 1900 he was made a partner and in 1920, with his son, of whom further, took over the business. He was also active for many years in civic affairs, serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce of Worcester in 1913, when it replaced the old Board of Trade. He was a prime mover in the building of the Bancroft Hotel, having been a member of the original committee which organized the Bancroft Realty Company in 1911. He is a Republican, having served in the common council of Worcester and on committees of finance, streets, and public buildings. He was for a considerable period a member of the school committee and its subcommittee on schoolhouses. In 1916, under an amendment to the city charter, the school committee was reduced in number to eleven, Mr. Inman being elected as chairman of the new board in 1917. He is a Mason and a member of many organizations.

On January 1, 1891, he married Effie B. Moore, daughter of Charles F. and Clara B. Moore, of Worcester. Albert H. and Effie B. (Moore)

Inman became the parents of two children: 1. Chester Moore, of further mention. 2. Marjorie, a graduate of Classical High School, Worcester, and of Smith College, class of 1917.

Chester Moore Inman received his education in the public schools and at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Immediately he became associated with the United Alloy Steel Company, at Canton, Ohio, there remaining for two years. In 1916 he connected himself with Pratt and Inman, continuing with them, with the exception of the period in which he was in the service of his country during the World War as an inspector with the ordnance department of the United States Army. In 1920, after the conclusion of hostilities, he returned to Worcester, becoming a partner in the firm with his father. He is now junior partner in this business.

Adding civic interests to his business activities, Chester Moore Inman has participated extensively in the work of important civic groups, notably the Kiwanis Club and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is a Mason and a Shriner. His church is the Plymouth Congregational, of Worcester.

He married, in 1915, Fanny R. Fiske, of Worcester. They became the parents of four children: 1. Edith, born October 23, 1916. 2. Elizabeth, born April 5, 1918. 3. Nancy, born May 25, 1925. 4. Chester Moore, Jr., born December 28, 1927.

HOWARD K. HOBBS—The Hobbs Title Company has been functioning in Worcester for a great many years under the direction of two generations of the family of that name. Horace Hobbs, a native of Massachusetts, Union veteran of the Civil War, in which he served as a captain of the 51st Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, founded the Title Company about 1885, and was active in its interests until his death in 1910. He was one of the useful citizens of the municipality, a justice of the peace, and left a name synonymous with integrity, service and generosity. He married Maria K. Knowles, also a native of Massachusetts, and to them on February 22, 1874, was born Howard K. Hobbs, the subject of this review. He was one of four children; his two sisters being Cora L., widow of Samuel Morey, of Shrewsbury, who died in October, 1932, and Alice M., wife of Walter R. Dadman, assistant treasurer of the Mechanics Savings Bank. His brother is Dr. William H. Hobbs, of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he is a professor. He is well known as an Arctic explorer.

Howard K. Hobbs received the preliminaries of his education in the public schools of Worcester and was graduated from Becker's Business College. He began his business career as an employee of the Mechanics Savings Bank, of Worcester, and was later with the J. J. Warren Leather Goods Company and also was connected for a short time with the Brown Simpson Piano Company. While still in his 'teens, Mr. Hobbs became associated with his father in the Hobbs Title Company, and upon the death of this parent took over the business and has continued it with increasing success since that time. His connection with the company began in 1891; his assumption of the direction of its affairs was in the year 1910. As is understood, the business of the company is the examination of titles and the many things in connection with the transfer of real estate. Besides his own activities, Mr. Hobbs is compelled to employ assistants.

Howard K. Hobbs is prominent in many phases of Worcester life. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all the bodies of Masonry up to, and including the Scottish Rite bodies where in the Consistory he attained the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar, and of Aleppo Temple, Boston, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. For more than fifteen years he served in the Massachusetts State Militia, and played his rôle as a military man in the Spanish-American War in Cuba as corporal of Company A, 2d Regiment of the Massachusetts Volunteers. He is a member of the Worcester Economic Club and for many years has attended the Pilgrim Congregational Church, of which he is a member and trustee. Mr. Hobbs resides at No. 934 Main Street, Worcester, and has a summer home at Brant Rock.

GEORGE H. NELSON—Among residents of the county who have the faculty of successfully combining private business and public service, George H. Nelson sets a conspicuous example. He is a leading shoe merchant in this city and at the same time has served his district as a State senator in the Massachusetts Legislature, where he was chairman and member of important committees. In business more than a score of years, he is one of the most active and influential Republicans here.

A. Gustaf Nelson, father of Senator Nelson, was born in Sweden, and about 1887 came to the United States, settling in Worcester. He spent most of his adult years in the service of the American Steel and Wire Company, and is now living in retirement. He married Johanna Swenson, who is also a native of Sweden.

Senator Nelson was born in Worcester, January 1, 1891, and received his education in the public schools of this city. He then took employment in the office of the American Steel and Wire Company and did work of that character for eight years. From that occupation he entered the automobile business on the selling end, and was thus engaged until 1918, in which year he launched his shoe establishment at No. 201 Main Street. In 1929 he removed to No. 357 Main Street and in 1933 to No. 281 Main Street. He has made a large success of this enterprise, ranking among the foremost merchants of the city.

Mr. Nelson came prominently into the limelight of Worcester politics in 1924, when he was elected to the Common Council as a representative of Ward One. He won his spurs during his three years' term on that board and was chosen a member of the Board of Aldermen, where he was an efficient and painstaking local legislator for three additional years. He was first elected to the Massachusetts Senate in 1928, and so gratifying was the quality of his service that his district reëlected him in 1930. He was a candidate to succeed himself at the election held in 1932. In the Senate he is looked upon as one of the leading members; he is chairman of the Conservation Committee, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, a member of the Committee on Public Safety, the Committee on Counties, and the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. He is a member of the Wor-

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cester Republican Council, and the Ward One Republican Club. Among his affiliations are the Scandinavian Fraternity of America, the Vasa Order of America, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Lions Club of Worcester. He is a member of the Calvary English Lutheran Church of this city.

Senator Nelson married, July 9, 1912, Edith C. Westbom, of Worcester; she died April 8, 1930. There is a son, George Kenneth Nelson, born June 24, 1914. The family home is at No. 80 Eagle Road, Worcester.

CAPTAIN HENRY STEPHEN McCREA—One of the most competent funeral directors in the State of Massachusetts was Captain Henry Stephen McCrea, head of the McCrea Funeral Service Company of Worcester. For the past forty years Captain McCrea was prominent in the business and professional life of the city and during that period he was a recognized leader in the movement for better and more scientific mortuary service.

Edwin D. McCrea, father of Captain McCrea, was born in Williamstown, Massachusetts, in 1823 and was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in Company H, 27th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He married Ellen F. Donovan, who was born in Waterford, Ireland, in 1846 and died in Worcester at the age of eighty-two years, and they became the parents of three sons, all born at Bennington, Vermont: 1. Edward C., who served as a trooper in Lord Roberts' Horse (Cavalry) with the rank of sergeant and later became an agent of the National Cash Register Company, located at Durban, South Africa. 2. Arthur L., born November 4, 1867, an electrician at Turners Falls, Massachusetts. 3. Captain Henry Stephen, of further mention.

Captain Henry Stephen McCrea was born September 4, 1871, at Bennington, Vermont, and died at Worcester, Massachusetts, March 10, 1933. While he was still a very young child, he was taken by his parents to North Adams, Massachusetts, where he attended school, finishing the elementary and grammar grades. After graduation from Turners Falls High School he began his business career in Brooklyn, New York, as a clerk in the retail store of the William H. Douglas Drug Company. However, he had no intention of continuing as a mere clerk in any line and after two years of experience in this connection he gave up his position and, having made his decision as to his future profession, began study in the United States College of Embalming in New York City. When his course was completed and he had received his certificate he began his practical experience as an assistant to the late Professor Auguste Renouard of that college. So highly did Captain McCrea esteem the work of Professor Renouard and the value to himself of his association with him that later, when he himself had become prominent in the pioneer work of elevating the professional standards of the mortician and had founded an undertakers' magazine, "The Issue," as a means to that end, he paid grateful tribute to his old teacher and early associate. In the March, 1917, issue of that publication he stated that he would be remiss in his duty if he did not give credit to one who "above all others stands out preeminently as the pioneer authority on embalming" and as one "to whose memory a grateful profession throughout the entire world has erected a memorial shaft in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York," adding that "if everyone to whom he did some loving service should bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep 'mid a wilderness of flowers." Thus Captain McCrea recognized the influence which shaped his professional standards and energized his future work in his chosen field.

In 1894, after two years as assistant to Professor Renouard, Captain McCrea came to Worcester and entered the employ of the George Sessions Sons Company, funeral directors and embalmers and while there he was the first to introduce arterial embalming. For fifteen years he continued this connection, gaining a thorough practical experience and making a wide acquaintance in the city. Then, in 1909, he realized the ambition which had long been his and opened at No. 120 Franklin Street a business of his own. Six months later he admitted to partnership, under the firm name of McCrea and Flanagan, John T. Flanagan, a former member of the State Legislature. Under Captain McCrea's vigorous management the business grew rapidly and its founder became one of the most progressive members of the profession. Through the magazines which he founded early in his career his influence became as wide as the limits of the profession and he became an inspiring voice giving in clear tones the call to higher standards and more sanitary practice.

In 1917, upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, he was appointed overseas secretary of the Knights of Columbus, whose headquarters were in New York City, and served with the American Expeditionary Forces on the Vosges and Argonne fronts and in the Toul sector. In 1920 he was commissioned by the United States Government to return to France as superintendent of the corps of trained workers entrusted with the task of exhuming and bringing home the bodies of thousands of American soldiers who had fallen in service. Under his direction, during a period of eighteen months, sometimes working night and day, 42,000 bodies were exhumed embalmed, placed in caskets containing air-tight linings, placed on board a fleet of five transports, and brought home to waiting families for permanent burial.

In 1927 Captain McCrea purchased the business of T. H. Murphy and Sons, located at No. 842 Main Street, and this concern, which he operated until his death under the name of the McCrea Funeral Service, he made one of the largest and best equipped establishments of its kind in the city of Worcester. So large and conveniently arranged are the rooms of his funeral parlors, which occupy the entire first floor of the building, that two funerals can be conducted at the same time without interference. Captain McCrea gave the full benefit of his wide experience and his undivided attention to the service of his patrons, and his care for details, his genuinely sympathetic desire to make difficult times as easy as possible, and his business integrity gained for him the reputation as one of the most competent funeral directors not only in Worcester, but in the State of Massachusetts.

Throughout his long career of more than forty years he strove consistently for higher standards and more general scientific knowledge in mortuary service, and to this end he used his magazine, "The Issue," for inspiration and the dissemination

of information, also as a means of securing co-operation in putting through protective legislation. As one of the pioneers in the movement to regulate the practice of funeral directing and embalming in the United States, following Professor Edouard Renouard, he was widely known, and during his administration as president of the Massachusetts Embalmers Association, from 1901 to 1904, he introduced the first legislation regulating the registration of embalmers in Massachusetts. In 1905 he was appointed by the Governor a member of the board of registration in embalming, and at the annual convention of the Massachusetts Undertakers Association in Springfield, in June, 1916, he was elected secretary. It was while secretary of this association that he founded the quarterly magazine, "The Issue," a magazine devoted to the interests of the undertakers of the State, through which he exerted a wide influence. The "Telegram" said of him soon after his election: "Mr. McCrea is conceded to be the most active and the most successful secretary the association has had in years. . . . He has earned state-wide prestige among undertakers by his work as editor of 'The Issue.'" Mr. McCrea was a forceful writer and in an article published in "The Issue" under the title of "The Evolution of Funeral Service in America" made clear his belief that truthful publicity must, in the business of the mortician as in other fields of human activity, become the basis upon which progress could develop, that the public should know the difference between expert, scientific service and that of an inferior order, and that by government regulation all that is inferior should be eliminated. Tracing the evolution of the mortician of today from "the old sexton" and the coffin-maker, he paid tribute to those early men who, too often, were accused of robbing the people by overcharging, while they were, in reality furnishing a vast amount of service free of charge by giving needy families receipted bills or by allowing bills to remain uncollected, and made an earnest plea for fair judgment and a proper estimate of the services which the mortician renders to the community. Politically, Mr. McCrea was an independent and he never aspired to public office. He was a past treasurer of Father Fitton Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, and he was formerly an attendant of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, but in later years was an attendant of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

Henry Stephen McCrea married, October 7, 1903, Eva M. Martin, who was born in Worcester in 1870, daughter of Andrew Martin, a native of Dublin, Ireland, and of Margaret (O'Brien) Martin, born in Kilkenny, Ireland, and died in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. McCrea became the parents of two sons, both associated in business with their father: 1. Paul Gordon, born October 12, 1904, assistant manager of McCrea Funeral Service. 2. Edwin Andrew, born October 1, 1906, secretary of McCrea Funeral Service.

FREDERICK F. BERINGER—By a long and hard route, Frederick F. Beringer, of Worcester, has arrived at prominence as an attorney-at-law with an ever increasing clientele. He was gifted with marked abilities, not the least of which was a capacity for concentrated hard work, and has won both his position as a lawyer and the admiration of his professional associates and colleagues by his carefully considered and thoroughly prepared presentation of cases in the courts. His personal taste is for the activities of the court rather than the office, to serve as a counselor and guide instead of appearing before judge and jury. He is fortunate in being of ancestry widely separated in nationality. He was born at Worcester, September 9, 1899, the son of Nicholas L. and Mary T. (Maloney) Beringer. His father was a native of Germany, while his mother was of Worcester birth, is of Irish descent. The senior Mr. Beringer has been in the employ of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company for a number of years.

The youthful Frederick F. Beringer had his way in life to make by his own efforts. He was given the education of the public schools and was graduated from Worcester High School. He started out to make a livelihood for himself and in the ordinary course of events might have been engaged in commerce all the rest of his life. He had the instincts of the student and the intellectual, and his ambitions were for a professional career. Earning and saving, he went ahead when he could do so, and went to Boston to study in Northeastern University. In 1925 he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and that same year was admitted to the bar of Massachusetts and began the practice of his profession in Worcester. While that practice still remains largely general in character, Mr. Beringer is naturally a specialist and is coming to be recognized as an authority upon certain phases of the law, particularly as they affect corporations and the holding of real estate. He frequently appears in jury trials both of a civil and criminal nature, possibly because of an early aptitude in that direction, but more likely because he wishes to keep in touch with the progress of trial jurisprudence.

Mr. Beringer has been honored with election to the common council of his city and has been useful in promoting the better development of the municipality and the welfare of its people. He has high ideals of the duties and privileges of citizenship and has manifested both the desire and the ability to serve his community sincerely and well Fraternally, he is affiilated with the Knights of Columbus, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 36.

On November 26, 1927, Frederick F. Beringer married Mary A. Devin, of Worcester, and they are the parents of a daughter, Jane Marie, born August 29, 1930.

WILLIAM HAMILTON COE—The history of Worcester County would not be complete if it failed to contain a record of the life and works of William Hamilton Coe, who, starting early in life with the Jefferson Manufacturing Company, spent practically his entire career in this association and had served as president of the concern for several years before his death. His interest in the firm's employees, his participation in community affairs, his wide knowledge of civic and business affairs, stamp him as one who was an honor to the city he loved so well.

Mr. Coe was born in Worcester, March 4, 1840, a son of William H. and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Coe, natives of Worcester. He attended public schools and obtained a position with Howe and Jefferson, woolen manufacturers, of Worcester. He continued with the company, and in 1906 the enter-

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prise was incorporated as the Jefferson Manufacturing Company. The first president was M. B. V. Jefferson, and Mr. Coe was treasurer. Upon the death of Mr. Jefferson in 1907 Mr. Coe became president, and Jefferson W. Coe, son of W. H. Coe, became treasurer. In 1920 J. W. Coe died and his brother, Robert H., succeeded to the treasurer's position. A brief history of the company and its operations will be found in the accompanying article, describing the career of Francis L. Coe, son of W. H. Coe. The latter was personally interested in the welfare and betterment of the firm's employees and, contributing much to their comfort, was loved by them for his efforts on their behalf.

Well known in fraternal and club circles, Mr. Coe was a member of the Masonic Order, the Worcester Club, the Commonwealth Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club, and the Homemarkers Club of Boston.

Mr. Coe married Florence A. Jefferson, daughter of M. B. V. and Augusta A. (Howe) Jefferson, and they were the parents of three children: 1. Jefferson W. 2. Robert H. 3. Francis L. (q. v.).

William Hamilton Coe died in January, 1929. His death removed a figure of prominence from Worcester life, and brought deep sorrow to the many who knew him. His courage and vision were an inspiration to his fellow-citizens, and he will be remembered for his goodness of heart and life.

FRANCIS L. COE—In Worcester County, Francis L. Coe has been associated with business activities throughout practically the whole of his business career. Most of his work has been with the Jefferson Manufacturing Company, woolen manufacturers. Of this organization, he was made treasurer and general manager in 1929 and has so continued down to the time of writing.

Mr. Coe was born on April 22, 1894, in Worcester, son of William Hamilton (q. v.) and Florence A. (Jefferson) Coe. His father, who was also a woolen manufacturer, was formerly president of the Jefferson Manufacturing Company. In the public schools Francis L. Coe received his early education, afterward attending Boston University Law School. Then, turning to business to seek a livelihood, he became connected with the Jefferson Manufacturing Company, of which his father was the head, at Jefferson, Worcester County. Of this company, he was made treasurer and general manager in 1929, as noted above, Originally the Jefferson organization was a co-partnership, started under the name of Howe and Jefferson. It so continued until 1906, when the enterprise was incorporated under the present name of the Jefferson Manufacturing Company. The first president was M. B. V. Jefferson; and the grandfather of the man whose name heads this review, W. H. Coe, was treasurer. Mr. Jefferson died in 1907 and was succeeded in the president's chair by W. H. Coe, who admitted his son, Jefferson W. Coe, to the business as treasurer. The two men ran the business together until 1920, when Jefferson W. Coe died and Robert H. Coe was made treasurer. W. H. Coe died in 1929, since which Robert H. Coe has been president of the company and Francis L. Coe treasurer and general manager. Homer A. Lucas is clerk. The Jefferson mills operate one hundred looms, employ upwards of two hundred and fifty people, and distribute their woolens throughout the United States. The excellent quality of their goods has caused the Jefferson Manufacturing Company to be widely known in the woolen and textile trades, and at the same time the executive officers of the company have sought consistently to provide for the comfort and betterment of their employees.

Quite aside from his work with this organization, Mr. Coe has been active in civic and social life. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, being affiliated with Quinsigamond Lodge. He is likewise affiliated with the Commonwealth Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a Protestant in his religious faith. Mr. Coe's work has also included military service rendered to his country; for, during the World War, he enlisted in the United States Naval Reserves and was stationed at Newport, Rhode Island. Each of the groups with which he is associated has in some definite way gained from his activities in its behalf, with the result that he is widely known and esteemed. He is liked by many friends and by the people of Worcester County with whom he comes into contact, especially by those who have occasion to observe at close range his work at the Jefferson Manufacturing Company, where he has done a wonderful piece of work as general manager. In his spare time, he is fond of outdoor recreations and all forms of healthful sports.

In 1927, Francis L. Coe married Verna E. Hollander, of Medford, Massachusetts, daughter of Sven G. and Hulda E. (Lofberg) Hollander. By this marriage there was born, on February 5, 1930, a daughter, Louisa Florence Coe. The Coe family residence is situated in the city of Worcester, though Mr. Coe's business headquarters are in Jefferson.

JOHN F. McGRATH—There are few phases of the life and affairs of Worcester in which John F. McGrath, attorney-at-law, has not played a more or less prominent rôle. Brilliant of mind and versatile in abilities and interests, he has contributed no small part to the advancement of his native city along many lines. He is a son of the late Thomas E. and the late Elizabeth T. (O'Connor) McGrath, descendants of families who settled in Worcester over a century ago.

John F. McGrath was born in Worcester, January 10, 1881, and attended its public schools. He prepared to enter the higher schools of education at the Classical School, from which he was graduated in 1898. He then matriculated at Holy Cross College, where he took a many-sided interest in its activities, and was graduated with honors in the class of 1902, being one of the speakers at the Commencement exercises. With his Bachelor's degree in Arts he went to Boston University to secure technical training in law and was graduated in 1905 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. During the previous year, 1904, Mr. McGrath successfully took the bar examinations and was admitted to practice. His school days over, he established himself in a general practice in Worcester and has since continued. His professional career has been successful and has won for him the reputation of being a notably good lawyer, one held in high honor by his colleagues and one who has the complete confidence of a large clientele. He has remained always the student, an indefatigable

worker, and his profound knowledge of the law is combined with sound judgment and the ability to make clear and penetrating what he has to say.

Mr. McGrath has a certain flair for politics, but no special taste for the holding of political office. He was an efficient member of the State Legislature in 1907 and 1908, but would rather do his duty as a citizen or a private individual. He is a student of city government and a genuinely constructive force in municipal affairs. He is a trustee of the Bay State Savings Bank and also of St. Vincent's Hospital. Mr. McGrath is a director of the Industrial Bankers of Worcester, of Worcester County. Among his professional connections are memberships in the Worcester County Bar, the Massachusetts Bar and the American Bar associations. He is also a member of the Boston University Law School Alumni Association. Among his clubs are the University Club of Boston, the Holy Cross Alumni Association, the Worcester Country Club, the Worcester Economic Club, the Worcester County Holy Cross Club, Calvert Club, and the M. C. O. F. He is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. His church is the Immaculate Conception Church of Worcester, and he is a member of the Holy Name Society. Sports, particularly golf, music, civic enterprises, benevolent and humanitarian movements all hold for him a keen interest.

On June 26, 1912, Mr. McGrath married Minnie H. Troy, of Worcester. Mrs. McGrath, a graduate of Wellesley College, is the daughter of the late James F. and Mary A. Troy.

BROOKS SHUMAKER was born in Mound City, Illinois, on March 5, 1895, the only living child of E. Ellsworth Shumaker, Ph. D., then pastor of the local Congregational Church and later pastor of the Wood Memorial Congregational Church of Cambridge, Shawmut Congregational Church of Boston, and the First Congregational Church of Adams, Massachusetts; and of Harriet Hall, of the Hall family of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. The boy received his early education in the public schools of Cambridge, and then entered Harvard College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1916. Immediately after graduating he entered the employ of William Filene's Sons Company as a member of their research department, and there he remained until September, 1917, when he entered the service. He was commissioned a provisional second lieutenant of cavalry of the Regular Army and was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for a three months' course of training. From there he was assigned to duty with the 76th Field Artillery, 3d Division, with which he went overseas in the spring of 1918. He saw service during the three major American offensives, Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne Forest. During the latter offensive he was severely wounded and spent the next six months convalescing, being invalided back to the United States in March, 1919, and his resignation of his commission of first lieutenant was accepted in April, 1919.

Immediately after leaving the service he returned to his old position with William Filene's Sons Company and shortly after was placed in charge of their comparison office. Later the outside sales department, comprising the mail and telephone order departments and all branch stores, was organized and he was placed in charge. These branch stores now comprise of three College Shops at Smith, Wellesley and Mt. Holyoke, four summer resort shops at Hyannis, Falmouth, Magnolia and York Harbor, and three year-round stores at Portland, Providence and Worcester. The Worcester Store, the most recent and largest branch to be opened, has been in operation for about five years. This store is a modern, up-to-date specialty shop employing over one hundred people. Mr. Shumaker divides his time between the Worcester Store and the other Filene branches. He is a member of the Military Order of the World War, the University Club of Boston and the Charles River Country Club of Newton Centre. He is a director of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Shumaker was married, August 20, 1922, to Dorothy Frances Wholley, and they are the parents of two children: Robert Hall and Brooks, Jr.

WILLIAM C. MELLISH—One of the leading attorneys of Worcester is William C. Mellish, who has his offices in the Slater Building, having been engaged in legal practice here for more than thirty-five years.

William C. Mellish was born in New York City, son of David B. Mellish, who was well known in both local and national affairs and who at the time of his death was a member of the United States Congress, and of Lucy (Fitch) Mellish, a native of Massachusetts. William C. Mellish received his early education in the public schools of Worcester, graduating from Worcester High School in 1890, and then secured a position as reporter on the "Worcester Spy." After two years of active work as a reporter, 1890-92, he entered the law school of Boston University, from which he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, *magna cum laude*. He was admitted to the Massachusetts bar December 12, 1894, and since beginning practice has been continuously and successfully engaged in professional work in Worcester, where he is known as one of the city's leading attorneys and where he stands high in the esteem of his colleagues. Mr. Mellish has always been ready to use his legal knowledge and experience in the service of the community in which he lives and in 1923, he was elected city solicitor for the city of Worcester, a position to which he was annually reëlected for seven years. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association, which he served as president in 1924-25; of the Massachusetts State Bar Association; and of the American Bar Association. He is identified with and has been very active in the Masonic Order. In the York Rite, he is a member of the Athelstan Lodge, of which he is a past master; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of all bodies of the Scottish Rite as follows: Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem, in which he was Sovereign Prince; Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix; Massachusetts Consistory, in which he attained the thirty-second degree. On September 15, 1925, in appreciation of the services he had performed there was conferred upon him the thirty-third degree and through this he is a member of the Supreme Council. He also holds membership in the Benevolent

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and Protective Order of Elks. Among his clubs are the Worcester Club, Worcester Country Club and the University Club.

William C. Mellish married, October 8, 1897, Jane B. Wheeler, of Worcester.

HERBERT A. DAVIS, one of the well-known business men of Worcester, is a son of Royal C. Davis, for some years a resident of Taunton, who married Ann Cushing of that city, and here he spent his life. His death occurred in February, 1932, at the age of eighty-eight years. His widow is still living at an advanced age.

Herbert A. Davis was born in Taunton June 4, 1876, received his early education in the public schools and, after spending several years in various occupations, chose the foundry trade as the one he liked best. He served his time and became thoroughly proficient in this, and since then he has been associated with some of the largest concerns in this section, including the Draper Company, Crompton and Knowles Loom Works, B. F. Sturtevant Company, Hendley Machine Company (Torrington, Connecticut), and the Foxboro Foundry Company. Since 1921 he has been vice-president and general manager of the Fremont Castings Company, a Worcester concern which he organized in that year with a group of substantial men including E. H. Marble, president; C. F. Marble, treasurer; Albert C. Marble and William C. Marble, directors; and Mr. Davis as vice-president and general manager. The company started in a modest way, providing employment for a dozen men and having an output of about three tons of castings per week. It has developed its plant to meet increased patronage and under normal conditions there are employed seventy-five men, and from fourteen to fifteen tons of castings are produced daily. The company manufactures a high grade of castings, which fact accounts largely for the volume of business it enjoys. The customers are found not only in Worcester, but extend over a radius of fifty miles from Worcester. Much of this success must be attributed to Mr. Davis' association with this company as he has devoted his time and best energies to building up the business.

In politics Mr. Davis is a Republican. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Employers Association and the Worcester Mechanics Association. He also is affiliated with Milford Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the latter of Boston; and Aletheia Grotto. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Hillcrest Country Club.

Mr. Davis married, in 1905, Edith Walsh, of Taunton, who died in 1931. Mr. Davis' home is at No. 1002 Main Street, and his business address at No. 105 Fremont Street, Worcester.

WILLIAM E. JOHNSON—One of the most highly respected court officers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is William E. Johnson, chief court officer of the Superior Court of Worcester County.

William E. Johnson was born in North Brookfield, January 5, 1881, son of H. Hurlbut and Mary E. (Kendall) Johnson. His father, who was a farmer during the early years of his active life, later was employed in the Batcheler factory, a well-known shoe manufactory, who operating a factory in North Brookfield, remained there for more than twenty years. He then returned to the farm and spent most of the remainder of his life there, but died in Worcester in 1904. The mother was born in Hardwick, Massachusetts, and died in 1926, mother of six children, of whom three are still living. They are: 1. Christie A., of Leominster. 2. Clarence K., of Worcester. 3. William E., the subject of this sketch.

William E. Johnson attended the public schools of North Brookfield and after leaving high school prepared for an active business life by taking a course in a business college. He secured a position as bookkeeper in the employ of the American Sheet Wire Company, but later severed that connection in order that he might associate himself with the Boston and Worcester Street Railway Company, which connection he maintained for thirteen years. At the end of that long period of service he was appointed deputy sheriff of Worcester County, which office he filled until the death of Sheriff Richardson. In 1931 he was made chief court officer of the Superior Court of Worcester County and that responsible office he is now most ably filling. While serving as deputy sheriff he spent several months at the jail and at the House of Correction, and this experience, with his long term of service as deputy sheriff, some eighteen years, and his service as deputy court officer, almost as long, have well fitted him for the office which he now holds. He is widely known and highly respected for his long and able service in the above mentioned offices. Mr. Johnson is a member of Westboro Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has passed all the chairs and was Master 1916-17; and he is also a member of Houghton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is active in Westboro Grange, and his religious affiliation is with the Congregational Church.

William E. Johnson married, November 4, 1903, Nettie A. Holbrook, who was born in Leicester, Massachusetts, member of an old Colonial family there. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have four children: 1. Elton H., who is engaged in business as a merchant in Northboro, Massachusetts. 2. Ralph H. 3. Irene, who married Everett Wellman, of Milford. 4. Clayton M., who is a student in high school. The family home is in Westboro, but Mr. Johnson has his office in Worcester.

ELLIS A. REEBY, manager of the Greendale Branch of the Worcester County Institution for Savings, was born at Saundersville, Worcester County, November 9, 1900, the son of James C. and Hulda E. (Cromb) Reeby, the former of whom died January 30, 1931. Ellis A. Reeby began his education in the public schools of Grafton. He then entered Worcester Boys' Trade School and learned tool making, after which he followed this and other occupations until September 1, 1921, when he accepted a position with the Worcester County Institution for Savings. Mr. Reeby, after applying himself to the detail work of the bank, was made manager of the Webster Square branch and remained in that position until 1927, when he was transferred to the main offices of the bank. In 1931 he was transferred to his present position, that of manager of the Greendale branch of the same bank. Throughout his service with

this bank it has always been his highest ambition to advance the interests of the bank, and this has been rewarded by his promotion to these different positions. Mr. Reeby finds his chief recreation in vocal music. He possesses a fine and well cultivated bass voice and has frequently appeared in solo and quartette work in the musical circles of Worcester and vicinity.

In 1924, Ellis A. Reeby married Helen L. Taylor, of Taunton, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of one son, Ellis A., Jr., born January 18, 1931.

ROSCOE W. COOK—Following an active business career of many years at Worcester, during which he was associated as an officer with the F. E. Powers Coal and Coke Company, Roscoe W. Cook became connected with the Worcester Bank and Trust Company and the Worcester County National Bank, where he is at present engaged in special statistical work of much importance. He is one of the best known business men of this city.

Mr. Cook was born on October 13, 1882, in Madison County, Indiana, a son of George W. Cook, who died in 1910, and of Luella (Hilman) Cook, who is still living. Both parents were born in Indiana. His father was associated with the old McCormick Company, afterwards the International Harvester Company, and for more than thirty years was district manager for that corporation.

Roscoe W. Cook received his education in public schools and for a short time also attended college. He soon began the active business of life, however, and in 1916 joined the F. E. Powers Coal and Coke Company at Worcester. He served as treasurer of the company until May 8, 1930, taking an active part in the direction of its affairs. In 1930, however, he accepted his present position of great responsibility and trust with the Worcester Bank and Trust Company and the Worcester County National Bank. He is well qualified for the difficult, special work which has been entrusted to him and his services have been of recognized value to these financial institutions.

Apart from his business interests, Mr. Cook has many other connections throughout this section. He is affiliated fraternally with Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of a number of clubs, including the Worcester Country Club, the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Club and the Woods Hole Country Club. In religious faith he is a Unitarian. During the period of the World War, Mr. Cook served as a member of the local fuel administration board, contributing his share to the advancement of his country's cause and receiving a certificate in recognition of his services. Mr. Cook has a very wide circle of personal friends and acquaintances throughout the county and enjoys the respect both of his business associates and of the public at large.

In 1912, Roscoe W. Cook married Gladys Powers, who was born in Massachusetts. They are the parents of two children: 1. Samuel P., born October 15, 1918. 2. Anna H., born June 21, 1920.

JOHN TUCK is a native of Maine, born at Biddeford, April 22, 1880, a son of John and Ida A. (Merrow) Tuck. His father was prominent in the educational circles of Maine through his professional connection with its schools. The son attended the local grade and high schools and studied at Phillips-Andover Academy. Matriculating at Dartmouth College, Honover, New Hampshire, he was graduated in 1905 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

College days over, John Tuck, after a year of travel abroad, returned to this country and became an employee of Lee, Higginson and Company, of Boston, remaining with this noted firm from 1907 to 1912. In the latter year he came to Worcester as the manager of the Worcester office of this same firm, resigning in 1930 to become associated with the firm of Jackson and Curtis as the manager of its investment department. Among the numerous other interests of Mr. Tuck it may be noted that he has been a director of the Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Worcester County Institution for Savings, and president of the New England Fair Association. Among his clubs are the Tatnuck Country, Quinsigamond Boat and Commonwealth. Fraternally he is affiliated with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Joel H. Prouty Lodge, of Auburn, of which he is a Past Master; Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, of which he is a Past Commander; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Boston.

Mr. Tuck married (first) Jessie Comrie MacInnes, of Worcester, who died in 1929. He married (second), May 23, 1931, Elizabeth Robertson, of Worcester. Mr. Tuck has two sons: 1. Edward, II, born July 18, 1928. 2. John Jr., born August 15, 1932. Mr. and Mrs. Tuck reside at Auburn, Massachusetts.

LOUIS C. THURSTON—Owner of a well-known Worcester insurance agency, Louis C. Thurston has devoted almost all his active career to insurance work, and is well qualified by experience and record to represent the many large companies with which he is associated.

Mr. Thurston was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on November 1, 1874, a son of Fred J. and Carrie W. (Macfarland) Thurston. His father, who was also born in Worcester on June 22, 1849, died on March 4, 1924. He was a son of Daniel C. and Lois K. (Taft) Thurston, and in early life was occupied successively as a machinist and hotel operator. In April, 1889, however, he entered the employ of the Farrar and Gates Real Estate and Fire Insurance and was connected with this enterprise until October, 1910, when, with his son, Louis C. Thurston, he purchased the agency from Charles L. Gates who was then its sole owner. Fred J. Thurston married, on September 12, 1872, Carrie Ward, daughter of Hosea and Sophia (Lackey) Macfarland. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Louis C. 2. Robert J. 3. Carrie L. 4. Alice M. 5. Fred C. 6. Charles H.

Louis C. Thurston received his education in Worcester schools, and following his graduation from the English High School in 1892 entered the employ of the Whittall Carpet Mills. For four years he worked in the designing room of that company, after which he removed to Hartford, Connecticut, where he became associated with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company as a clerk. Gradually he advanced through various positions in several departments of the company, learning all details of insurance operations. In this way he acquired the broad background of experience and knowledge

which has proved of such value to him as an insurance underwriter. In October, 1910, Mr. Thurston joined with his father in purchasing the Charles L. Gates Insurance Agency at Worcester and the firm of Thurston and Thurston, insurance underwriters, was established. Since the death of his father in 1924, Mr. Thurston has operated the agency alone. He handles all classes of insurance, representing many of the outstanding Companies of the world, and is a well-known figure in insurance circles of the county. Apart from his business connections, Mr. Thurston is a member of the Commonwealth Club, the Worcester County Mechanics' Association and was formerly a member of the Kiwanis Club. He is in politics a Republican and in religious faith a communicant of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church.

On October 24, 1899, Louis C. Thurston married Jessie H. Young, who was born in Worcester, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Stewart) Young. They have four children: 1. Stuart. 2. Judson. 3. Barbara. 4. Ann.

EDWARD WILLIAM STAVES—In round numbers, Edward W. Staves has been associated with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company for thirty years, and in this time he has risen from freight office clerk to general agent at Southbridge. He is also interested in town affairs, is a factor in the local Republican organization, and is serving his third term as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Mr. Staves' parents were Edward E. and Matilda (Duchesne) Staves, both parents natives of New York State. Through his mother's side he is of French extraction. His father was engaged in the insurance business and a resident of Southbridge for twenty-five years.

Edward William Staves was born in Malone, New York, May 9, 1887, and received his early education in the public schools of Williamstown, Massachusetts, afterwards taking a course in accounting and business practice at the Bliss Business College in North Adams, Massachusetts. His first connection with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company was made in 1904, when he was installed as a clerk in the freight office at Southbridge. Meritorious work brought him promotion and he became in time the agent of the company for that town. In 1931 he was still further advanced, this time to general agent, which post he has since filled.

Inclined to practical politics as a means to serving his town and district, he won election to the Republican town committee of Southbridge and has been its chairman for several years. He is a former member of the town finance board. In November, 1928, he was elected from the Fourth Worcester District to the Massachusetts House of Representatives and was reëlected in 1930 and again in 1932. His district is composed of the towns of Southbridge, Sturbridge, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, East Brookfield and Charlton. In the Legislature he is a member and clerk of the committee on highways and motor vehicles, and a member and chairman of the committee on military affairs. He is a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, the Southbridge Club, the Cohasset Country Club, and the Ten of Us Club. Mr. Staves has his residence at No. 112 Highland Street, Southbridge.

WILFRID BEAULIEU—In newspaper publication activities, Wilfrid Beaulieu has performed a work of importance and value to the city of Worcester and the surrounding region of Massachusetts. "Le Travailleur," which he issues, is published in French, and it has been experiencing, since its birth in 1931, steady progress and growth in circulation and influence.

Mr. Beaulieu was born on October 16, 1900, at Lowell, Massachusetts, son of Napoleon and Josephine (d'Amours) Beaulieu, both natives of the Province of Quebec, Canada, where his father was a merchant. In the parochial schools of the Province of Quebec, Wilfrid Beaulieu, of this review, received his early education, afterward being graduated from the University of Montreal in the class of 1918, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Turning at once to newspaper work, in which he had long been especially interested, he continued in this type of activity, growing from one phase of it into another until he reached his present status as publisher. Throughout his career, he has been connected continuously with newspapers in one way or another, leading consistently and uninterruptedly to his present task as publisher. On June 30, 1931, "L'Opinion Publique," a daily French paper, discontinued its publication, after thirty-eight years; and two months later, it was succeeded by "Le Travailleur." The new publication was established largely through the instrumentality of Mr. Beaulieu himself, who had been long working toward such an end in the course of his association with the former paper. The first issue of the newer paper came out on September 10, 1931, and it ran from about six to ten pages in length, with a seven-column make-up.

From an early circulation figure of about 2,000 to 2,500, "Le Travailleur" grew until it reached 14,000, the recent circulation. Needless to say, these figures point to a tremendous growth, not alone in number of readers, but in influence and power. The paper now goes into all parts of New England, and is recognized to be one of the foremost of the French-language publications in the United States. In August, 1932, a merger was effected, by which Mr. Beaulieu's paper absorbed "Le Progrès," another French-language paper, of Manchester, New Hampshire. At the beginning of 1933, there was a change in the form of publication, a twelve-page modern tabloid format being adopted.

In addition to his important journalistic work, Mr. Beaulieu has figured prominently in a general way in French-American life, being affiliated with practically all the French societies. He is likewise connected with a number of French clubs and organizations of a purely social nature. Fraternal groups likewise have interested him and drawn him to them with splendid results. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic Church. Every organization with which he has been associated has in some very definite way profited from his labors and coöperative efforts, with the result that he is esteemed, respected and admired by a host of friends.

Nor have his journalistic efforts been confined wholly to publishing or even to writing for the papers with which he has been connected. For he has written extensively for magazines and other publications, and has been rewarded by remarkable accomplishments through the power of his pen. Among the French-American public, his writings

are widely known, as well as in the general American press.

Mr. Beaulieu lives at No. 14 Vernon Street, in the city of Worcester.

ANDREW ARVIDSON—Long an outstanding business in the city of Worcester, the Commonwealth Baking Company has grown through the years until it has come to hold a position of leadership in its field. The founder of this enterprise, Andrew Arvidson, father of the present heads of the business, Gustaf and Carl Arvidson, was a native of Sweden and from small beginnings worked his way upward in the commercial world in the United States. His accomplishments were such as to win for him the widespread esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. At the same time he was loved as a personality and as a man of decided character, always kindly, generous, sympathetic and sincere. His position in Worcester life was a useful one, and his work lives on.

Mr. Arvidson was born on March 15, 1860, in Ostergotland, Sweden. In 1888 he came to the United States to live, first settling in Hibernia, New Jersey. Soon afterward he turned northward, however, and was one of the early Swedish settlers of Worcester. In this Bay State city he was employed at the outset by a small bakery on Belmont Street. Subsequently removing to No. 75 Ward Street, he found it necessary, in these quarters, to enlarge the physical home of the organization several times to meet the rapid growth in business. He and his associates determined to build a suitable edifice and for the purpose acquired land on Quinsigamond Avenue, where the present structure of the Commonwealth Baking Company was erected. Mr. Arvidson, in addition to his bakery experience, had served, in his early years of residence in this country, as an employee of the American Steel and Wire Company, and so it was that his business background enabled him to carry the bakery enterprise far along the road to success.

When the Commonwealth Baking Company was definitely organized as such, Andrew Arvidson became its president. He continued as executive head of the company until his death, on April 12, 1931. His contribution to its growth and development was a remarkable one, and it was under his guidance that his two sons grew into the business. One of the early efforts of the Commonwealth Company to promote its product was the adoption of the name "Mother's Bread." This bread and the company's other products came to be in great demand, so that today a fleet of motorized trucks carries the output of the Arvidson factories to their customers, serving a territory covering an area with a fifty-mile radius and spreading in all directions from Worcester. More than seventy persons find employment in the bakery and its offices, and the company is one of the largest and most successful in Massachusetts. The sons, both of whom are recorded under separate headings in this volume, carry on the wise policies of their father, the founder, and are widely known and esteemed in business circles. Their plant comprises more than 35,000 square feet of floor space. The organization was incorporated as The Commonwealth Baking Company in 1925.

Aside from his labors as a business leader, Andrew Arvidson participated actively in social and civic affairs. His church was the First Swedish Baptist Church, in which he held many offices, including that of chairman of the board of trustees and deacons. He was also vice-chairman of the church until about a year before his death. He had broad general community interests and might be truly described as a civic-minded, public-spirited citizen.

The first devotion of Andrew Arvidson went, however, to home and family. He married Sophia Carlson, who, like himself, was born in Sweden. She died in 1902. They had two sons: 1. Carl, of further mention in the following biography. 2. Gustaf, of further mention on the next page. In 1905 Mr. Arvidson was married (second) to Sigrid Petterson, who lives in Worcester, as does one daughter, Hazel E., wife of Harry Franzen.

The death of Andrew Arvidson removed from Worcester one of the city's sound and successful business men. He had struggled against great odds to construct an enterprise that survived his years on earth and is today one of his community's leading commercial establishments. He possessed vision to a high degree. His spirit was rich in initiative and courage. His memory lives on, the memory that attaches to a life of achievement and successful performance.

CARL ARVIDSON—For many years associated with the Commonwealth Bakery Company, of Worcester, Carl Arvidson is now its assistant treasurer and vice-president. He learned the business under the direction of his father, Andrew Arvidson, who is now deceased, of record in the foregoing biography, and is now operating it in association with his brother, Gustaf Arvidson, president and treasurer, whose biography is also recorded under separate heading.

Carl Arvidson was born on August 2, 1891, at Worcester, son of Andrew and Sophia (Carlson) Arvidson. In the schools of Worcester he received his early education, later completing a course at the Worcester Trade School. He then joined with his father in the conduct of the Arvidson baking business, makers of "Mother's Bread." This company and its products are widely known in the vicinity of Worcester and in a wide territory around this city. The full story of the development of the enterprise is told in this volume in connection with the life story of Andrew Arvidson, the father of the present proprietors and the founder of the business. As assistant treasurer and vice-president of the organization, Carl Arvidson today fulfills an important function and he is highly regarded by his many associates and friends.

Along with his commercial activities have been his civic and social undertakings. A member of the Chamber of Commerce, he is active in the promotion of its plans and projects. His church is the First Swedish Baptist, in which his late father was so prominent; and today Carl Arvidson is vice-chairman of the board of trustees of his parish. A leader in the Free and Accepted Masons, he is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, and also holds the thirty-second degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of Aleppo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

His record also includes valuable World War service. When that international conflict first involved the United States Mr. Arvidson determined to serve his country. Enlisting, he was a member of

Andrew Arvidson

the American Expeditionary Forces, Ordnance Department, first in this country and later in France. Engaged in both the Meuse-Argonne and the Verdun offensives, he won the rank of corporal. Into all his activities and undertakings, he has consistently put his finest energies and fullest enthusiasm, with the result that he is esteemed, honored and respected in a wide circle of acquaintances.

Carl Arvidson married, in 1926, Alva S. Lindberg, of Worcester, daughter of the Rev. Alfred E. Lindberg, a Baptist clergyman. To this marriage there was born, on July 25, 1932, one child, Carl Alden Arvidson.

GUSTAF ARVIDSON—As president of the Commonwealth Baking Company, Gustaf Arvidson has substantially contributed to the business well-being of the city of Worcester. This bakery has for a quarter of a century been a leading commercial enterprise of the city, and today it is one of the largest of its kind in Central or Southern New England. Its present president is a son of the founder of the company, Andrew Arvidson who is now deceased, a record of whose life appears in this work under separate heading, and he is associated in the operation of the bakery with his brother, Carl Arvidson, who is assistant treasurer and vice-president and is recorded in the previous biography.

Gustaf Arvidson was born on August 31, 1896, at Worcester, son of Andrew and Sophia (Carlson) Arvidson, both of whom were born in Sweden. He received his early education in the schools of Worcester, completing the course given at the English High School. By that time his father had built up the great business of the Commonwealth Baking Company, so christened in 1920, and under the father's guidance and direction the son learned all the details of the work. With the passing of the years he assumed ever greater responsibilities in the operation of the company and, at his father's death, on April 12, 1931, was made president of the organization. Since that time he has so served and has faithfully and effectively fulfilled the duties of his office. The company is widely known for the trade name "Mother's Bread," which it adopted some years ago, and for its motorized truck service, which covers a wide territory centering about Worcester. Under the heading of Andrew Arvidson, more information about the company will be found. Mr. Arvidson serves as its treasurer, holding this office in addition to the presidency.

Active also in other phases of Worcester life, he is a member of Athelstan Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Masonic Order he is likewise affiliated with other bodies. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, he has attained the thirty-second degree. He is a member of Aleppo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. During the World War he served his country as a corporal in the United States Army Artillery Corps. As a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and treasurer of the Lions Club, he figures prominently in civic life and supports the movements espoused by these important community organizations. His church is the First Swedish Baptist, of Worcester, in which his father was for so many years a leading worker.

Gustaf Arvidson married, in 1927, Clara E. Johnson, of Worcester. They became the parents of one son, Dean B. Arvidson, who was born November 30, 1929.

CHARLES L. CUTTING—During the past twenty years Charles L. Cutting has been connected with the Stetson Home at Barre and for eighteen years of this period has served as its superintendent. He is thoroughly familiar with the work of institutions of this kind and has made a very successful record.

Mr. Cutting was born at Enosburg, Vermont, March 21, 1887, a son of Stephen J. and Elizabeth M. (Williams) Cutting, both natives of Vermont. His father, a farmer by occupation, died in 1932, his mother is still living in Vermont.

Charles L. Cutting was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and at Brigham Academy, Bakersfield, Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1905. Thereafter he was employed for eighteen months as supervisor of the Vermont State Industrial School, where he had charge of seventy-five or eighty boys and where he entered upon the field of activity which has since continued to engage his attention. After leaving the Vermont State Industrial School he came, in 1908, to the Essex County Truant School at Lawrence, Massachusetts, and there served as supervisor for three and a half years. In January, 1912, he was appointed director of farming for the Stateson Home at Barre and in March, 1914, was made superintendent of the home, a position which he has since filled very capably. The institution, of which he has charge, is a home for boys, of which there are now thirty-five, ranging in age from seven to eighteen years. The home has approximately one hundred and fifty-five acres of land, which the boys help to cultivate, and its activities have been very successfully carried on under Mr. Cutting's guidance.

Apart from this connection, he is active in other phases of Barre life. For three years he has served as a member of the Barre School Board. He is also a director of the Barre Library Association and a member of the Village Improvement Society and is affiliated fraternally with Mount Zion Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Athol Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

On April 11, 1914, Charles L. Cutting married Ruth Lundgren of Worcester, daughter of Gustaf and Matilda (Olsen) Lundgren. They are the parents of three children: Doris Katrine, Paul Stetson and Charles Lee, Jr.

JAMES CHARLES McDONALD—A well-known lawyer of Worcester, James Charles McDonald is coming to occupy a prominent place in the legal fraternity there. He is a native of Fall River, this State, born July 17, 1888, a son of James and Susan (Hurley) McDonald, both parents coming from Massachusetts families, the father being born at Bristol, and the mother at Dartmouth. His father was a well-known realtor in Fall River, who died in September, 1892; Mrs. McDonald still resides in Fall River.

James C. McDonald received the preliminaries of his education from the public schools, and was graduated from Worcester Academy with the class of 1908. Later he matriculated at Boston Univer-

sity and was graduated in 1912 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and was admitted to the bar that same year. He began the practice of his profession with James T. Connolly in Boston, continuing that association from 1912 to 1917. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. McDonald enlisted in the American Army forces as a member of Company C, 302d Infantry, 76th Division, and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was assigned to duty in the War Department, at Washington, District of Columbia, and remained in that service until January 5, 1919, when he was transferred to Camp Meade, Maryland, under appointment as judge advocate, and held this rank until he received his honorable discharge June 5, 1919.

Upon his return to civilian life and Worcester, he was, for five years, a member of the law firm of McDonald and Proctor. In 1926, Mr. McDonald established himself in practice under his own name, and has since continued. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and the Massachusetts State and American Bar associations. He has developed an extensive practice, and is held in high esteem by colleagues and clientele. He is a member of the Military Order of the World War, the University Club, and the Wachusetts Country Club. His college fraternities are the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Phi Delta Phi.

EVERETT CARLETON—For almost eighty years the name of the Carleton family has been associated with one of the principal industries of Rochdale. The mills of E. G. Carlton and Sons manufacture exclusively fine white flannels and are today the only mills in the State so engaged. They are under the management of Everett Carleton, a son of the founder of the company.

Elbridge G. Carlton, his father, came to Rochdale, then known as Clappville, in 1855. The site of the village was purchased by Eben Dale, who took it over from Reuben S. Denny, and in 1856 Mr. Carlton established the mills which now bear his name. From 1856 to 1890 he operated this plant for the estate of Eben Dale. Then, with his two sons, Dale and Everett, he formed the present company. Elbridge G. Carlton was one of the early fathers of the village of Rochdale. He served as justice of the peace for many years. In signing the many important documents which came before him he always used the spelling Carlton although other members of the family have chosen to spell the name with an "e," Carleton. Elbridge G. Carlton died in 1906, and in the same year his elder son, Dale, sold his interest to Everett Carleton. Since that time Mr. Carleton has been sole owner of the mills.

Everett Carleton was born in Rochdale on May 31, 1860. He was educated in local public schools and at Worcester Academy, from which he was graduated in 1877. Afterwards he entered his father's mill, learning all details connected with the operation of the business of which he has been executive head for more than a quarter of a century. Originally the Carlton plant consisted of only one building. With the growth of the company's business under his management, however, Everett Carleton has successively added four other buildings, making it the largest plant of its kind in the State. These mills produce only fine white flannels for men's wear and the old-fashioned baby flannels. They are the only Massachusetts mills devoted solely to the manufacture of this product and have built up a national trade. Since 1906 Mr. Carleton has more than doubled the capacity of his plant which, in normal times, employs about one hundred people.

Apart from his business interests, Mr. Carleton has been active in all public affairs and had held a number of township offices. For four years he was selectman and for one year was overseer of the poor. He also served as trustee of the Public Library for several years. Mr. Carleton is now president of the Leicester Tax Association. He is a trustee of the Leicester Savings Bank and a member of its investment board, is a Republican in politics and fraternally is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member in this order of Athelstan Lodge and a member of various higher bodies, including Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar.

Mr. Carleton married, June 2, 1908, Mary W. Wight, of Belfast, Maine.

DEXTER LELAND—For thirty-four years, Dexter Leland has been managing editor and publisher of the "Westborough Chronotype," a weekly newspaper of Westborough. During his long association with the paper he has made it one of the finest weeklies of Worcester County, extending its influence over a wide area. Mr. Leland now occupies the offices of treasurer of the corporation and general manager of the paper. His son, Artemas A. Leland, is its president.

Born on May 27, 1860, at Sherborn, Massachusetts, Mr. Leland is a son of Artemas A. and Elisa P. (Snelling) Leland. His father, a farmer, was born in Sherborn and died in 1885. His mother, who died in 1898, was a native of Sharon.

Dexter Leland was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and at Sawin Academy. He entered the newspaper and printing field in early life and in 1898 purchased a half interest in the paper, with which his name has since been so closely connected. The first newspaper to be published in Westborough, "The Messenger," appeared in 1849 under the guidance of C. C. P. Moody. Its life, however, was short, and it was some time before another was brought out. In 1872 "The Transcript" was founded by C. H. Pierce and H. H. Stevens, and in 1874 R. F. Holton and C. H. Thurston came into the picture. Later Ira M. Beaman bought out Mr. Holton's interest, and it was from him that Mr. Leland, in 1898, purchased a half interest in the paper, which he has since controlled, and Mr. Thurston's interest in 1912. The name, the "Westborough Chronotype," has been applied to the paper for almost seventy years and over a long period has been synonymous with high journalistic standards. Mr. Leland and Mr. Thurston conducted the "Chronotype" from 1898 until 1912, at which time it was incorporated under the name of the "Westborough Chronotype." It has today a circulation of some nine hundred and goes into many homes in the Westborough section. In its management Mr. Leland has demonstrated his sound business judgment and keen newspaper sense. He has spared no effort to make his paper a true medium for the service of the community and his success is reflected in its continued progress.

In addition he carries on a profitable business in job and book printing.

Apart from his professional connections, Mr. Leland has been very active in fraternal circles. He is affiliated with Siloam Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, and in this order is also a member of Marlborough Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is a Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, a Past Master of Westborough Grange, a present member of Pomona Grange, and a member of the Past Masters Association of Worcester County (Grange). He is also a member of Hockomock Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Laurel Rebekah Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of several local clubs. He has taken an active part in the work of all these organizations and in the realm of civic affairs has given his support to all worthy movements in the public interest.

In 1883, Mr. Leland married (first) Nellie M. Knowlton, now deceased. He married (second), in 1924, Rose Charlotte Shornstein, of Wilke-Barre, Pennsylvania. The children born of the first marriage are: 1. Artemas A., now associated with his father in the publication of the "Westborough Chronotype" and president of the corporation. He married Julia O. Hendy. 2. Ada B., wife of Ralph Wood. They have two children: Winfield and Lorraine. 3. Clarence, a musician, now deceased. He served during the World War with the 63d Infantry Band, United States Army and was a Past County Commander of the American Legion in Worcester County.

ISRAEL S. ZELKIND—Active in the business life of Worcester, Israel S. Zelkind is head of the Zelkind Waste Company, Inc., of this city.

Mr. Zelkind was born in Minsk, Russia, on December 15, 1896. He attended school in his native city and in 1912 came to America. Making the trip alone and landing in New York City, he went immediately to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he attended the English schools and learned the English language. After spending a few years here, he removed to Waterbury, Connecticut, where he was given employment in a manufacturing plant. In 1915 he went to Worcester, where he became engaged in the wool waste business. In this type of work he has since continued, and has built up one of the most lucrative enterprises of its kind in this part of the State of Massachusetts. He also organized the Lawrence Blanket Mills, at Wilsonville, Connecticut, where nothing but blankets are made. This company is a subsidiary of the Zelkind Waste Company.

In the course of his busy career, Mr. Zelkind has accumulated a great deal of property. He is widely known in the business world, and those who have observed his life closely say that he owes his success to hard work and to one fundamental policy—that of treating his customers fairly and justly and operating his business as a service to others.

He has affiliated himself with some of the leading organizations in Worcester and Worcester County and has done much for the furtherance of worth while undertakings in civic and social life. He is a member of Temple Emanuel and is active in the work of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Orphans' Home. In his leisure time, he is fond of outdoor recreations, notably fishing. There is almost no community project in which he is not interested, and, as a result, he is esteemed, respected and trusted by his fellow-citizens.

Israel S. Zelkind married, on February 6, 1926, Anne Kalish, a native of New Castle Terrace, England. By this marriage there have been two children: 1. Lawrence, born on February 1, 1927. 2. Doira Evaline, born June 24, 1932. The Zelkind home is situated at No. 9 South Flagg Street, Worcester.

HARRY CLARENCE PARKER—As curator of the Worcester Museum of Natural History, Harry Clarence Parker has rendered important service to the cause of education and to the intellectual life of this Massachusetts city and its environs; and he is highly esteemed and respected in this community and wherever he is known.

Mr. Parker was born at Mena, Polk County, Arkansas, on February 18, 1906, son of Clarence Fulton and Jessie Belle (McDougal) Parker. His father was a native of Arkansas, and his mother of Indiana. The grandfather, on the paternal side of the house, was Frank Parker, a druggist, who owned a chain of drug stores in Arkansas. The father, Clarence F. Parker, was engaged most of his life in railway work, having been Master Mechanic on the Kansas City Southern Railway. He lived chiefly in Pittsburg, Kansas.

And it was in the schools of that place that Harry Clarence Parker, his son, whose name heads this review, received his early formal education, being graduated from high school there in 1923. He then attended the State Teachers' College, at Pittsburg, Kansas, after which he studied at Kenyon College, in Ohio. Entering the University of Kansas, he was graduated in 1930 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. While at the university, he acted as a staff member at the Natural History Museum there, so receiving a thorough scientific training in college and field work. It was in September, 1930, that he was chosen as curator of the Worcester Museum of Natural History, the position that he has since held and has filled with such eminent satisfaction; and he is doing much to build up the institution and to make it one of the outstanding museums of its kind in this part of the country. He is at the time of writing engaged in organizing an educational program, with story hours for children, museum games, and formal visits for seventh- and eighth-grade pupils in the public schools. For adults, in the winter months, he has arranged a series of free Sunday afternoon lectures.

His work has been greatly appreciated by the people of Worcester, among whom he has filled a definite need. At the same time, he maintains his contacts with those engaged in similar endeavors in other parts of the country and the world, especially as a member of such groups as the American Society of Mammalogists, the American Ornithologists' Union, and the American Association of Museums. He is affiliated, likewise, with several social and fraternal groups. In the Free and Accepted Masons, he is connected with Acacia Lodge, Lawrence, Kansas; and he belongs also to the Bohemians, Incorporated, the Kiwanis Club, and the Dickens Fellowship. An-

other of his affiliations is with the Young Men's Christian Association.

His family background goes back into early American history for its beginnings on this Continent. For, in addition to the early founding of the Parker line in America, the Stephens line of which his paternal grandmother was a member were descended from Alexander H. Stephens.

PETER STEWART—As general superintendent of the South Works and Cable Mills of the American Steel and Wire Company at Worcester, Peter Stewart exercises responsible control of the operations of the largest manufacturing plant in this city.

Mr. Stewart was born on September 26, 1875, at Glasgow, Scotland, a son of Robert C. and Mary (Dugan) Stewart. His mother, a native of Scotland, died in Boylston, Massachusetts, in 1907. His father, who was a salesman by occupation, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and died in 1915 in Boylston.

Peter Stewart received his early education in the public schools of Glasgow and after coming to America in 1887 with his parents, who located in Worcester, he attended Worcester schools. He began his active career in the employ of "The Telegram," a Worcester newspaper, and later he went to sea for some three years, returning to Worcester in 1900. At that time he became connected with the American Steel and Wire Company of Worcester, beginning as timekeeper. His ability, however, soon attracted the attention of his superiors, and within a few years he was assigned to the open hearth mills of the company as assistant superintendent. In 1907 he was made superintendent of these mills. In 1916 he was appointed assistant superintendent of the South Works and Cable Mills of the company at Worcester. In the following year, 1917, he was made superintendent of these works, succeeding J. Lester Perry, who was promoted to be superintendent of the North Works. This continued until 1922, when Mr. Stewart was made also superintendent of the South Works, holding this position until 1928. In that year Mr. Stewart was made superintendent of the South Cable and Center Works and later was made general superintendent, succeeding J. Lester Perry. He has since continued to serve as general superintndent of the works. He has more than justified the confidence reposed in him by the company by the able manner in which he has discharged all his duties, and in supervising from 2,500 to 3,500 workmen has achieved a highly successful record. He occupies a position of recognized importance in the industrial life of this city.

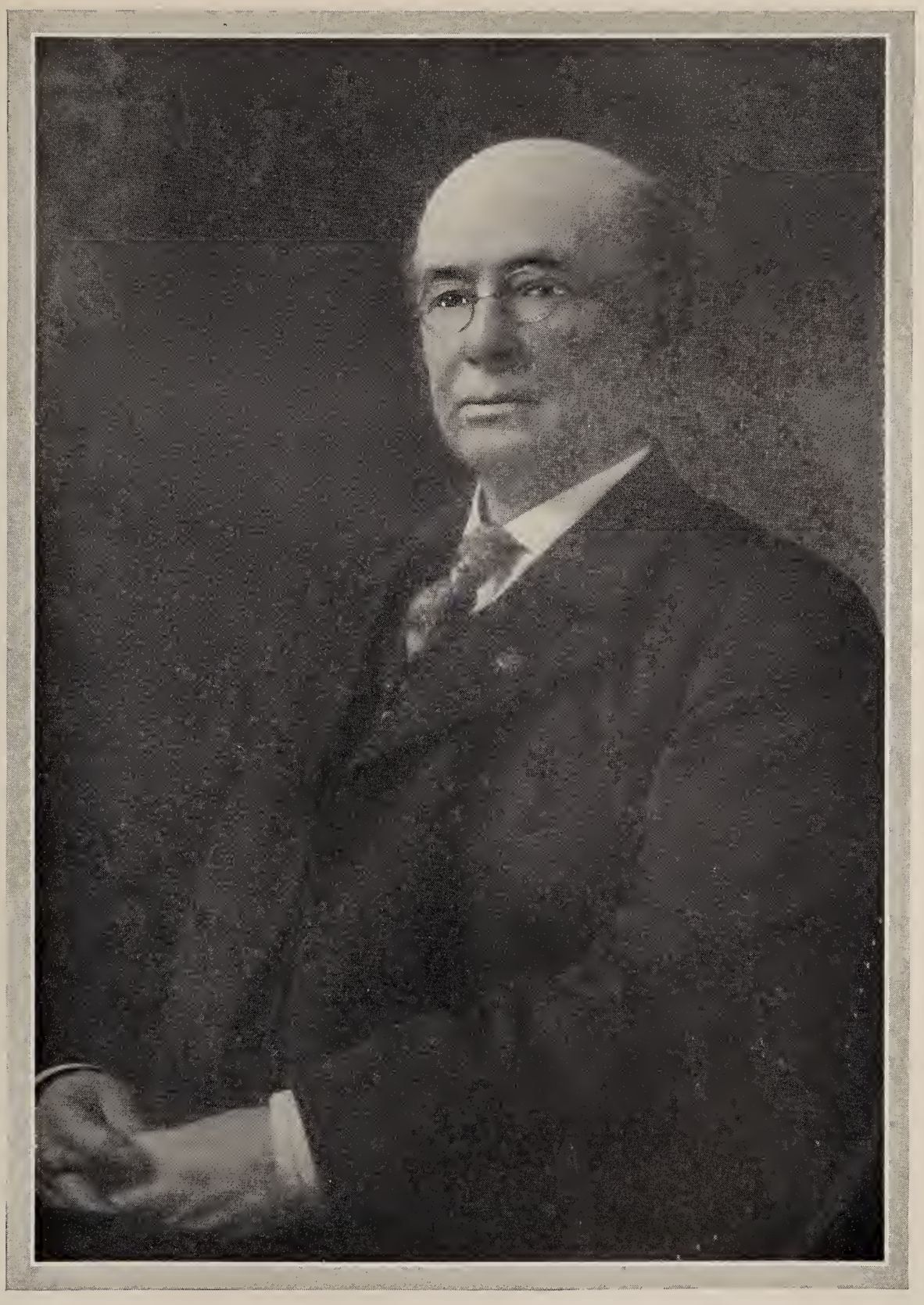
Mr. Stewart maintains his residence at Boylston and has been very active in the life of this community. He was a member of the school committee of the town of Boylston and of the public safety committee, bringing to these offices the same fine energy and sound judgment which have distinguished his business career. Fraternally, Mr. Stewart is affiliated with Montague Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Chapter and the Council of Royal and Select Masters. He is also a member of the Worcester Economic Club and of the Iron and Steel Institute. In religious faith he is a member and trustee of the Congregational Church of Boylston, and he is a generous contributor to the support of its work and also to other worthy causes.

In 1907, Peter Stewart married Mary K. Clauson of Worcester. They are the parents of the following children: 1. John T., a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Boston, where he studied mining engineering. 2. Mary K., who recently returned from Paris, after completing her studies in art, which she began in the Massachusetts Art School of Boston. 3. Ruth L., who is studying aviation in California. 4. Grace H., attending Beckers Business College at Worcester. 5. Christian G., a graduate of the Worcester High School. 6. Gene E., attending the Grammar School in Boylston.

JOHN HARRINGTON BENNETT—Member of an old Massachusetts family and founder of one of the chief industries of Worcester, John Harrington Bennett devoted his life to the pursuits of industry and with rare perseverance and ability achieved his chosen goal. A machinist by trade, he subsequently established the Bay State Stamping Company, a metallurgical concern, which he guided with sure hand along the pathway of success. His own great mechanical talents were utilized for the invention of a number of patented products which found a ready market in industrial circles of the country.

The Bennett family was established in the Massachusetts Colony by John Bennett, who settled in Charlestown as early as 1659. He was drowned in 1674. According to old records, his sons owned land in the Massachusetts towns of Groton and Lancaster and also lived at least for a number of years in Woburn and Charlestown. Thomas Bennett, grandfather of John Harrington Bennett, was a descendant of the original founder. He was a resident of Woburn and served with the patriot forces during the Revolutionary War. He was one of the eight Massachusetts men who made the attempt to return from Newburgh, New York, to Massachusetts through the uncharted paths of the wilderness, and one of the two who succeeded in reaching the goal. Jonathan Smith Bennett, son of Thomas and father of John Harrington Bennett, was born at Groton, and there spent his entire life. He was a carpenter by trade. His wife, Miranda W. (Harrington) Bennett, daughter of Seneca Harrington, was a member of the old Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, family of this name, and was related to the early Harrington families of Worcester.

John Harrington Bennett, of whom this is primarily a record, was born in Groton, December 9, 1845. He received his educational training in the public schools of his native town and afterwards applied himself to industry, learning the machinist's trade. In 1883, with a capital of only five hundred dollars, but with the large resources of his own character and courage, he started in the metal business in Worcester, in a little shop where he also made his home on Park Avenue. In the trying early years, he was not discouraged; there was a real place for his business and gradually he built up a prosperous trade. As an outward symbol of growth, his plant was enlarged year after year. Mr. Bennett was the true founder of the stamping industry in Worcester, and the Bay State Stamping Company at No. 380 Chandler Street is today a monument to his vision and enterprise. This company employs



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about one hundred men and is now being carried on by his widow and son. Mr. Bennett made numerous improvements in manufacturing processes and technique, all of which were reflected in the successful growth of his business. He invented a number of valuable devices which he patented and subsequently manufactured on a large scale, including the Bennett handy oil and grease cups, the self-closing oil cups, ferrules and a large variety of articles made of sheet metal.

True to the traditions of his family, Mr. Bennett served in his country's cause, enlisting shortly after the outbreak of the Civil War. He became a member of the 6th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, which troops were the first New England regiment to go to the defense of Washington, and with this regiment he served with honor and distinction. In later years he was always interested in veterans' affairs, being a member of George H. Ward Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Bennett was also affiliated with Iroquois Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men. He was a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Metal Trades' Association, the Worcester Credit Men's Association and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts. As a journeyman worker, he had been very active in the labor movement, being a member of the Knights of Labor General Assembly, District of Massachusetts, and of the General Assembly of the United States. He was Master Workman of the local assembly, which was then an extremely powerful organization, initiating as many as three hundred new members on a single night.

Mr. Bennett married (first) Georgianna Wiggins, daughter of Frank P. and Henrietta (Bean) Wiggins, who was born in Freedom, Maine. They were the parents of the following children: 1. Conrad R., born on December 20, 1868, married Katherine Morrow. 2. Edith E., born on November 28, 1871, married Robert Whittemore. 3. Florence Newell, who died in infancy. Mr. Bennett married (second), October 21, 1903, Celia E. Doane. They became the parents of two children: 1. Ruth Lucille, born on February 2, 1905. 2. John Doane, born on February 18, 1906.

Mr. Bennett died at his Worcester home on February 20, 1920. His death was a source of deep regret to the city which had benefited so largely through his activities, and all who knew him joined to pay high tribute to the enduring value of his character and achievements. As a previous biographer wrote of him:

> Action was the keynote of his association with his world of work and progress, from boyhood to the time of his death. He held a firm belief in the value of unremitting toil, and its application to the benefit of every need in life. Himself a successful workman, he also became an industrial leader of high standing in his State.

ARTHUR H. HALL—President of the Leominster Savings Bank for more than thirty-two years past, Arthur H. Hall occupied a position of prominence in the life of this city over a long period. He was born at Nashua, New Hampshire, on December 29, 1857, a son of George and Harriet C. (Morden) Hall and a member of an old New England family. When he was only six years old, he came to Leominster with his parents, who passed the greater part of their lives here.

George Hall was a builder. In 1864 he established at Leominster the furniture manufacturing firm of Merriam, Hall and Company which is still in existence, operating as a corporation, and of which Arthur H. Hall was president. Apart from his business interests, the father was active in civic affairs and public life. He served as a member of the Leominster water commission over a long period, was a member of the State Legislature for several years and was a leader in many community enterprises. He was long active in Pilgrim Congregational Church here and was one of the committee which built the Congregational Church of Christ in North Leominster. Mr. Hall was also a trustee of the Leominster Savings Bank and a member of its investment committee. George and Harriet C. (Morden) Hall were the parents of two children: 1. Arthur H., of whom further. 2. Annie J.

Arthur H. Hall received his education in local public schools and at Bryant and Stratton's Business College. Subsequently he became connected with a furniture manufacturing concern of Leominster and rose within the organization to positions of responsibility. With the incorporation of the company, he was elected president. Mr. Hall's connection with the Leominster Savings Bank dated back many years. His election to the presidency reflected the confidence accorded him by his associates and the progress of the bank under his guidance proved it to have been well founded. Mr. Hall was also a member of the building committee which erected the present bank building. He served on a similar committee for the construction of the Leominster Hospital and by his active participation in community affairs continued the fine tradition of responsible civic leadership so long connected with the family name at Leominster. Mr. Hall was a member of the water commission for twenty-five years. He was a member of Leominster Club and other local organizations.

On October 5, 1881, he married Emma P. Greeley. Mr. Hall passed away July 16, 1933.

WILLIAM H. HOLMES—Associated in an executive capacity with the metal work, plumbing and heating organization of M. D. Holmes and Sons Company, William Henry Holmes, and his three brothers, Fred Everett, Elmer Herbert, and Ernest Russell, are widely known in Worcester and Worcester County. Their friends are many and their achievements are universally recognized. The business which the four brothers now conduct was founded by their father, Martin DeForest Holmes.

Martin DeForest Holmes, founder of the M. D. Holmes and Sons Company, was born in Cambridge, Vermont, May 27, 1851, son of Samuel and Lucy (Wallbridge) Holmes. He attended the local schools and was employed on the home farm of his family at Cambridge, but at the age of nineteen years came to Worcester. Here he followed agricultural pursuits until he entered the employ of the Walker Ice Company, with whom he remained until 1884, when he associated himself with Braman and Dow, steamfitters and plumbers, in order that he might learn the trade. He was then employed for ten years with the O. S. Kendall Company, in the same line of business. On April 1, 1900, he engaged in business for him-

self, opening a store on Main Street in Worcester and early associating with him his three older sons, William Henry, Fred Everett, and Elmer Herbert. By the end of the first year the business had outgrown its quarters on Main Street and the concern was moved to larger quarters on Salem Square, opposite the Worcester Common. Expert service and a square deal to all patrons brought steady growth, and in 1909 the business was incorporated as the M. D. Holmes and Sons Company. From that time until his death in 1927, Martin DeForest Holmes devoted his energy to the advancement of the business, into which came, before the time of his death, his four sons, of whom further. Mr. Holmes was an expert in his line, an able business man, a much respected citizen, and a valued friend to those who knew him best. He was a member of all bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons, including the Consistory, in which he held the thirty-second degree; of Central Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Worcester; and of Worcester Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Martin DeForest Holmes married (first), June 21, 1876, Ida Frances Stone, who was born April 9, 1845, daughter of Mrs. Mary (Prouty) Stone, of Spencer, Massachusetts. She died in Worcester, April 7, 1907, and he married (second) at Tacoma, Washington, August 25, 1909, Mrs. Mary (Simmons) Sibley, who was born December 31, 1853, daughter of Mitchell F. and Elizabeth (Kindred) Simmons, of Kentucky. To the first marriage seven children were born: 1. William Henry, of further mention. 2. Fred Everett, of further mention. 3. Elmer Herbert, of further mention. 4. Ernest Russell, of further mention. 5. Bertha Lilla, born March 24, 1877, died June 27, 1877. 6. Ella Gertrude, born January 3, 1882, now deceased; married, June 18, 1906, William Henry Brown and they became the parents of two children: William Henry Brown, born December 7, 1909 and Elwood Francis Brown, born June 7, 1917. 7. Ida Winifred, born October 12, 1889; married, November 14, 1911, John Stanley Rose, now with the Norton Company; they have one child, Robert Rose, born June 20, 1913.

William Henry Holmes, oldest son of Martin DeForest and Ida Frances (Stone) Holmes, was born in Worcester, June 24, 1878, and received his education in the public schools of Worcester. At the time when his father engaged in business for himself, he became associated with him and since that time he has continued in the business, eventually taking charge of the plumbing department of the M. D. Holmes and Sons Company. He is widely known in the plumbing and heating trades and is highly esteemed as one of Worcester's leading business men. He is a member of the Master Plumbers' Association of Worcester, which he served as president, 1912-13. He is also active in social and fraternal circles, holding membership in all bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons, including the Consistory, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; Central Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Worcester; Knights of Pythias; and the New England Order of Protection.

William Henry Holmes married, October 20, 1902, Emma Franklin Urquhart, born at Gloucester, Massachusetts, daughter of Charles E. Urquhart, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Claudia Urquhart, who died young. 2. Chester Stanley, born October 17, 1904; married Astrid Svenson, and they have two children: Carolyn and Phyllis Holmes. 3. Mildred Frances, born January 23, 1908; married Eric A. Anderson, and they have one child, William Knut Anderson.

Fred Everett Holmes, second son of Martin DeForest and Ida Frances (Stone) Holmes, was born in Worcester, December 1, 1879, and attended the public schools of Worcester, graduating from the English High School. He then matriculated at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. After graduation he spent six months in the West and for a year and a half was an engineer with the Plunger Elevator Company of Worcester. He then was admitted to partnership in his father's business and he is now in charge of the engineering and estimating work of the M. D. Holmes and Sons Company. He is a member of all bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he holds the thirty-second degree.

Fred Everett Holmes married, in 1901, Sarah Ann Taylor, daughter of Robert and Jennie (Needham) Taylor, of Worcester. They have one son, Raymond Taylor Holmes, born May 23, 1902, who married Gertrude Swanson and has two children: Lois Ann, and Raymond Taylor Holmes, Jr. Everett Holmes, another son of Fred Everett Holmes, died in infancy.

Elmer Herbert Holmes, third son of Martin DeForest and Ida Frances (Stone) Holmes, was born in Worcester, January 3, 1882, and received his education in the local public schools, including the English High School. He then associated himself with his father in the business of the M. D. Holmes and Sons Company, of which he has been treasurer since 1909. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies, in which order he holds the thirty-second degree, and was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Elmer Herbert Holmes married, June 5, 1912, Elizabeth May Speirs, daughter of John F. Speirs, of No. 12 Orne Street, Worcester. They have two children: 1. Ralph Herbert, born August 5, 1914. 2. Frank Edward, born August 2, 1917.

Ernest Russell Holmes, fourth son of Martin DeForest and Ida Frances (Stone) Holmes, was born December 5, 1884, and is now engineer of the M. D. Holmes and Sons Company. He received his education in the public schools of Worcester, attending the English High School to the end of his junior year, and then learned photography. Later he joined his father's business, in which connection he and his brother, Fred Everett Holmes, now have charge of the estimating work. He is a member of all bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons and was a member of Central Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias.

Ernest Russell Holmes married Bertha D. Blackstone, and they became the parents of six children: 1. Ernest Russell, Jr., born June 9, 1908. 2. Leslie Winfield, born April 2, died April 16, 1910. 3. Dorothy Irene, born April 20, 1911. 4. Shirley, born August 13, 1914. 5. John Martin, born September 1, 1917. 6. Robert F.

The Holmes family has, as may be seen from the foregoing record, materially added to the well-being of Worcester and the furtherance of Worcester business interests. The city and county are, indeed, fortunate in having such a family of business men among their residents and citizens.

CAPTAIN GEORGE WILLIAM JONES—As manager of the Horace Partridge Company, dealers in sporting goods, Captain George William Jones fills a position of usefulness in his community, not alone in the business world, but also in the affiliations that his commercial activities make possible. Directly in line with his regular work is his connection, as athletic coach, with Worcester Academy, in his home city of Worcester.

Captain Jones was born on September 16, 1886, in Worcester, Massachusetts, son of William Edward and Mary Gertrude (Harney) Jones and member of an old and respected family of New England. His father, William Edward Jones, was a native of Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and the mother was born in the city of Worcester. George William Jones, whose name heads this review, received his early education in Worcester Academy, which he is at the time of writing serving as coach and faculty member. From that institution he was graduated in 1906, proceeding thence to Holy Cross College, where he took his degree with the class of 1911. His first work was in teaching; and, from 1911 to 1914, he continued as a teacher and athletic director at St. John's Preparatory School, in Danvers, Massachusetts. At Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he acted as coach of both football and baseball in 1914, going next to Davenport, Iowa, as a teacher of mathematics. There, likewise, he served as athletic director, at St. Ambrose College, until 1917, when the entry of the United States into the World War changed his program for the time.

Enlisting in the Field Artillery of his country's armed forces, he went overseas in September of that year as a private in the ranks; and, rising through the non-commissioned grades, was made a second lieutenant after attending the French Artillery School, at Samur, France. Then came the commission of first lieutenant; and, before the end of his European service, in February, 1919, he was commissioned captain. He had command of a battery of field artillery. While the war was still on, he was wounded in an active engagement in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Afterward he was honored by several decorations, including the Croix de Guerre with Palm, and was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour by the Government of France. The United States Government also awarded him the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart and Silver Star medals. In April, 1919, he was mustered out of the service.

Immediately returning to the United States, he resumed his work in Worcester. Retaining an interest in military affairs, he was given command of Battery E, Veterans Association of the 102d Field Artillery. He has been consistently active, likewise, in the work of certain military organizations, including the Worcester Post of the American Legion, of which he is a past commander, and the Military Order of the World War.

In September, 1919, he went into business with the Horace Partridge Company, of Worcester, sporting goods dealers, of No. 9 Pleasant Street, this city, with whom he has since been continuously associated. He was made the manager of this business, and before long was given a position on the Worcester Academy faculty. Down to the time of writing he has been, for ten years, the track coach at this academy, as well as assistant football coach.

Holding a number of other positions of prominence in the city of Worcester, Mr. Jones is a member of the Board of License Commissioners, of which he has been chairman since 1922. He is a member, likewise, of the Worcester Republican Club and the Worcester County Council, as well as of the Wachusett Country Club. In each and every one of his activities, and the organizations through which they are represented, Mr. Jones has proven his distinct abilities as a civic and community leader; and his genial and enthusiastic nature has caused him to be appreciatively received by his fellow-citizens.

Captain George William Jones married, in August, 1921, Jane M. Melican. By this marriage there were born two children: 1. George W. 2. Marie Elizabeth.

VINCENT J. WOODCOCK—For practically all of his business career, Vincent J. Woodcock has been identified with the industry in which he is the executive and financial head of the Economy Electric Company, of Worcester. This concern is rated as one of the leaders in its line in this city and county, and in its development Mr. Woodcock has had a large part in the fifteen years he has been associated with it.

Mr. Woodcock was born in Providence, Rhode Island, November 4, 1894, a son of Joseph and Helen (Simester) Woodcock, both parents natives of that city, where the father is living retired. After passing through the public schools, the son, Vincent J., completed a course at the Bryant and Stratton Commercial College. His first connection with the electrical business was in the service of the Crooker Company of Providence, and there he learned the business. He came to Worcester in 1918 and in that year became an associate of Peter A. Coghlin, who had established the Economy Electric Company in 1916. Upon the death of Mr. Coghlin, which occurred in 1929, Mr. Woodcock bought the Coghlin estate's interest in the business and became the sole owner. In the reorganization he was made president and treasurer, having since filled these offices. His company has electrically equipped some of the largest buildings and institutions in Worcester County and adjoining territory, among the contracts which it has executed being those on the Worcester County Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Belmont Hospital, Junior High School of Worcester, and others of equally great importance. The company's office and plant are at No. 22 Foster Street, Worcester, where it occupies 10,000 square feet of floor space and has a maximum employed force of forty skilled electrical workers.

Mr. Woodcock has served in the Coast Artillery Corps. He is affiliated with local and national associations connected with the electrical industry, but has neither fraternal nor club memberships, having preferred to give all his time to his home and business affairs.

Mr. Woodcock married, in 1914, Edith M. Curtis, a native of Rhode Island. They have their residence in Auburn, Worcester County.

RICHARD F. CAGNEY was born in Worcester, July 7, 1894, a son of William J. and Mary (Leahy) Cagney, both parents natives of County Limerick, Ireland, the father dying in 1900 and the mother in 1917. After passing through the public schools, he entered LaSalle Preparatory

School and then took his professional course at Northeastern College, where he was graduated Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1926. He filled several different positions before he was admitted to the bar in 1926, in which year he opened an office in his own name. He became a member of the Massachusetts State Bar Association and the Worcester County Bar Association. Among his fraternal affiliations are the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the Church of the Holy Ghost (Roman Catholic), of Greendale.

Mr. Cagney married, in 1919, Josephine C. Clifford, a native of this State. They live at No. 9 Cutting Avenue, Worcester.

WALTER DICKEY ALLEN—City solicitor of Worcester and prominent lawyer, Walter Dickey Allen is the grandson of William and Elizabeth (Liddle) Allen, formerly well known in the industrial, civic and social circles of the city. William Allen founded the Allen Boiler Works, at one time the largest in its line of business in New England. He was born near Birmingham, England, August 19, 1825 and came to America in September, 1849. He was descended from a family of engineers; William Allen's father, grandfather and great-grandfather were engineers in the employ of the famous James Watts Engine Works, Birmingham, England.

The eldest son of William Allen was William Powell Allen, who was born in Worcester, July 21, 1851, and died here January 4, 1906. He mastered the trade of boiler making in this country and with the James Watts concern of England and became a partner with his father and his brother, George L. Allen, in the William Allen and Sons Company, which was incorporated as the William Allen and Sons Corporation after the death of George L. Allen. He married (first) Alice Gozzard, and they had one son, William Gozzard Allen; (second), after the death of Alice Gozzard Allen, Cornelia Dickey, of Bennington, New Hampshire, August 22, 1867. She was descended from Henry Adams, ancestor of Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams. They had two children: Walter Dickey and Harold Guy.

Walter Dickey Allen was born in Worcester, March 15, 1896, and was educated in the local schools, graduating from South High School in 1914. He matriculated at the Boston University School of Law and was graduated, *magna cum laude,* in 1917 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. During his school and college days he was active in dramatic and debating societies, and while in high school was a member of the team which kept possession of the "Amherst Cup." Admitted to the bar of Worcester County in 1917, he became associated with the law firm of Norman and Campbell, for a time. In May, 1918, the course of his legal career was interrupted, when he entered the United States Army in preparation for services overseas in the World War. He was assigned to the quartermaster's department at Camp Upton and was stationed there and at Camp Joseph Johnson, Florida, and Camp Las Casas, Porto Rico, during the period that he was in the service. He held the rank of quartermaster sergeant.

Returning to Worcester after the war Mr. Allen again engaged in practice and in June, 1925, established the law firm of Allen and Simpson which continues at the present writing. Mr. Allen is a student by nature, a gifted speaker of good court presence and knows law and legal procedure. He has become a recognized authority on certain phases of the law, and is held in high esteem by his colleagues. He is a member of the Worcester County and the Massachusetts Bar associations. He has been honored by the citizens of his city by election to the common council, 1921-22; to the Massachusetts Legislature, 1923-24-25-26, where he did splendid work, among other activities, as a member of the committee on legal affairs. He was appointed assistant city solicitor of Worcester, serving from 1926 to 1932, and on January 4, 1932, was elected city solicitor by the city council.

Mr. Allen has been to the fore in many of the civic and welfare movements of Worcester and has done his bit to promote the better development of the municipality, which has been the home of his family for several generations. Fraternally he is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Central Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Cherokee Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men; and Stella Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Among his clubs and other societies are: Canopy Club, of Boston; American Order, Sons of St. George; Worcester Post, No. 5, American Legion; and Worcester County Republican Club.

On May 22, 1918, Mr. Allen married Gladys G. Bates, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Walter Dickey, Jr., born December 1, 1924. 2. Robert Bates, born October 8, 1927.

NAPOLEON R. THIBERT—An inventor of note and a manufacturer of national prominence in the oil burner field, Napoleon R. Thibert is now president and treasurer of the Champion Products Company of Worcester, which he established for the purpose of manufacturing gravity fuel burners. The products of this company are distributed throughout the United States.

Mr. Thibert was born on May 15, 1865 in the Province of Ontario, Canada, son of Antoine and Belen (Thibeau) Thibert. His father was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, his mother in Essex County, Province of Ontario, Canada, near Detroit, Michigan. The former, an educator and instructor in a number of educational institutions, died in 1900, at the age of sixty-eight. The mother died in 1920.

Napoleon R. Thibert received his education in public schools and under private tutors. He received a thorough training in mechanical engineering and followed that profession for some years in early life. Subsequently, his artistic talents led him to abandon that field to devote himself to art and photography. For twelve years Mr. Thibert successfully conducted a studio situated in Worcester at the corner of Main and Mechanic streets. He did not, however, entirely lose his interest in mechanics and while working as an artist and photographer, his creative ability also found expression in the development of a number of mechanical devices. Finally he closed his studio to devote all his time to experimental work in mechanical engineering, for which he was well qualified by reason of his early training and experience. The results are seen in more than one hundred patents, taken out by him on articles which he personally developed and many of which are of

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great utility in industry. When the subject of fuel burners began to attract increasing attention, Mr. Thibert, in 1929, established the Champion Products Company to develop and manufacture gravity fuel burners of his own design. The plant of the company is located on Park Avenue, Worcester, comprising some 44,000 square feet of floor space. At maximum capacity upwards of two hundred persons, including the sales organization, are employed. The products of the company have won a national reputation and find a ready market throughout the country. The main sales offices are located in the Park Square Building, Boston.

Mr. Thibert is one of the best known inventors in Worcester County. He has devoted much of his life to valuable experimental work and is the author of many articles on problems connected with gravity and liquid fuel devices, although he has not confined his work to this type alone. Mr. Thibert was formerly a member of several clubs and fraternal organizations at Worcester, but because of the pressure of his work has resigned his membership in all these bodies. During the World War he rendered important services to the government, the value of which brought him a government citation. On offering his services to his country, he was sent first to Columbia University, where he lectured in the Education Department, but subsequently went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, holding the rank of first lieutenant, United States Army. In France he devoted himself to educational work and instruction in mechanical engineering. He was also deeply interested in promoting friendship and a better social relationship among the Allied forces. His fluent knowledge of several languages made him particularly useful in this endeavor and his services were of lasting value.

In 1891 Napoleon R. Thibert married M. Louise Ouellet of the Province of Quebec, Canada. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Joseph A. N., a graduate of the Baltimore College of Dentistry, then took advanced courses in Harvard University in dental surgery and in dental surgery at Johns Hopkins University, now successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. 2. Pauline, now Dr. Pauline Reindeau. She is a graduate of two colleges, having studied for three years at the University of Paris and now with her husband devotes herself to medical work at Norwich State Hospital. 3. Paul D., a prominent lumber dealer and president of the P. D. Thibert Lumber Company, Inc., of Springfield, Massachusetts.

FRANK L. MacNEILL—For forty-six years Frank L. MacNeill has been identified with the envelope business and president of the New England Envelope Company since 1920. Mr. MacNeill is also president and a member of the board of directors of the Standard Paper Company.

Frank L. MacNeill was born in Nova Scotia, August 15, 1870, but came to Worcester as a young man, seventeen years of age. He very early yielded to his love for the sea and to his desire to visit far, strange places, and by the time he was seventeen years old had three times crossed the Atlantic in search of new sights, new experiences, and new knowledge, visiting many ports and satisfying his boyish desire to look upon the "rock of Gibraltar." As a young man he entered the employ of the W. H. Hill Envelope Company, of Worcester, remaining with them for nineteen years. In 1906 C. W. Gray, Mr. MacNeill and others organized a new concern under the name of the New England Envelope Company, with C. W. Gray as president and Mr. MacNeill as superintendent. The enterprise began in a small way, using only part of a floor in the building, which the business still occupies on Eden Street, and employing only five people. There was no improved machinery and not a great deal of working capital, but the two men possessed energy, ability, and ambition, and the business steadily grew. More floor space was needed and three floors were required to meet the needs of the rapidly expanding business, but even that space proved insufficient and, eventually, five floors were occupied. The installation of modern, improved machinery, however, made some of this extensive floor space unnecessary, and at present, 1933, about 25,000 square feet of floor space are in use. At times as many as seventy-five employees are required to handle the greatly increased production, practically all of which is done by the latest improved machinery. The present volume of production is more than ten times that of the earlier years and is sent to all parts of the United States and Canada. From the beginning Mr. Gray and Mr. MacNeill saw to it that the name "New England Envelope Company" was a guarantee for goods of high quality and that prompt and efficient service could be confidently expected by all patrons. Because of this unvarying, dependable quality of goods and service, together with the business ability of Mr. Gray and Mr. MacNeill and others who gave their time to the development of the business, the New England Envelope Company has developed into one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country. Mr. MacNeill has been identified with the concern for twenty-seven years and a very large part of the company's success is due to his ability and to his unfailing devotion to the advancement of its interests. Upon the death of C. W. Gray in 1920, Mr. MacNeill was made president, and that responsible executive position he is still filling. He is well known as an able business man and, in addition to his responsibilities as president of the New England Envelope Company, has for many years been a member of the board of directors of the Standard Paper Company, which for the past twelve years he has served as president. For many years, too, he was a member of the Worcester Board of Trade. Fraternally, Mr. MacNeill is a charter member of Rose of Sharon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and a member of Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester Council, Royal and Select Masters; Knights Templar; and of all the Scottish Rite bodies. His religious affiliation and that of his family is with the South Baptist Church, which Mr. MacNeill served as treasurer for ten years.

Frank L. MacNeill married (first) Florence Wright, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Stanley W., who is employed by the Standard Paper Goods Manufacturing Company of Worcester; married Ida Campbell, and they have one son, Campbell MacNeill. 2. Phyllis M., married E. E. Eaton, who is engaged in boys' work in the Young Men's Christian Association of Elmira, New York. They have three children: Raymond, Rose and Florence (twins). The mother of these children died in 1922, and Mr. MacNeill married (second), in June, 1923, Florence C. Cook.

ARTHUR E. FAIRBANKS—In the insurance world and in the general civic life of the city of Worcester and his native State of Massachusetts, Arthur E. Fairbanks has for a number of years figured as a leader. He is president of the Bailey, Barnes, Burnham Company, insurance dealers, of Worcester.

Mr. Fairbanks was born on May 11, 1875, at Westboro, Massachusetts, son of John and Ella M. (Fisher) Fairbanks, both natives of Westboro, this State, where they lived and died. His father, John Fairbanks was engaged in the insurance business for fifty-two years; for sixteen years he was postmaster of Westboro. He took a deep interest in the Grand Army of the Republic and served as commander of the local post for some years. He was a member of the Massachusetts State Legislature for two terms, a member of the Fire Department of Westboro, and prominent in the life of that part of the Commonwealth. He died at the advanced age of eighty-seven years in 1930.

Arthur E. Fairbanks received his education in the grade and high schools of Westboro. He then entered the bicycle business in which he remained until 1896, where he turned his attention to the insurance business in Westboro. Here he took an active interest in the schools, serving for five years as a member of the school committee, during which time the Eli Whitney school building was erected.

In 1911 Mr. Fairbanks came to Worcester to make his home. For five years he was associated with the Crowell-McPherson Company in the insurance field up to 1916 when he engaged independently in insurance activities. From then until 1924 he operated an extensive business. In November, 1924, he became connected with his present company in which he served as vice-president until 1927, when he was made president. This firm deals in general insurance, representing several of the foremost insurance companies of the country. In 1926 he was made secretary of the Worcester Board of Underwriters; and he also acts as director of the Worcester Protective Department.

He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which in 1908, he served as Worshipful Master of Siloam Lodge, of Westboro; and after coming to Worcester, in 1932, served as Master of Rose of Sharon Lodge. In 1910 and 1911, he was District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-third Masonic District. He is also affiliated with Houghton Royal Arch Chapter, Marlboro, and Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Stella Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of which he was Patron in 1930. He is secretary and treasurer of the Worcester Branch of the Insurance Federation of Massachusetts.

Arthur E. Fairbanks married, in February, 1914, Mabel Loretta Severance, and they are the parents of one son, Robert Freeman Fairbanks. The family home is situated at No. 22 Ethan Allen Street, Worcester.

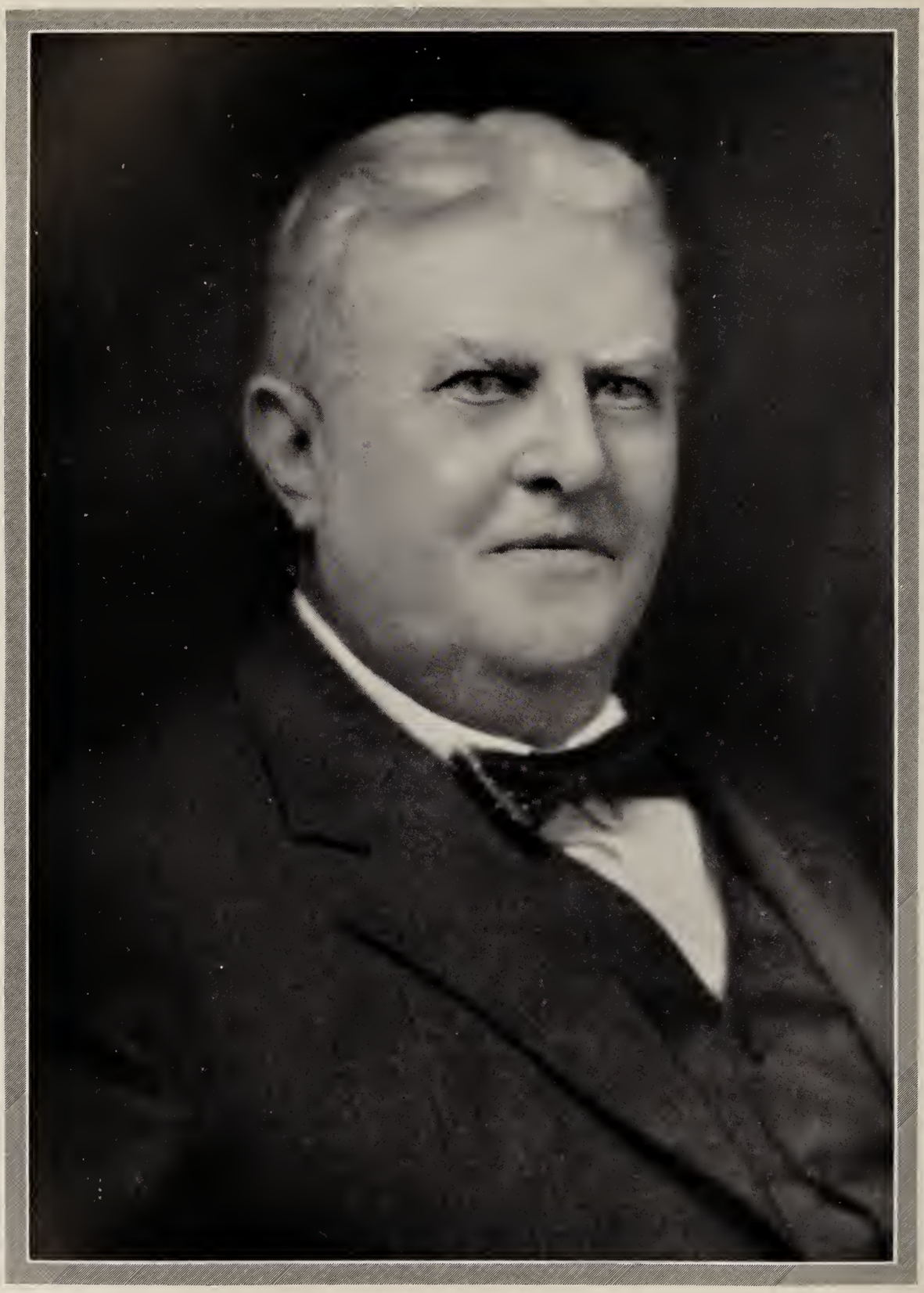
ARTHUR P. HIGGINS—Since 1910 Arthur P. Higgins has been the efficient secretary of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company and since 1922 he has also been general sales manager, in charge of all the agencies of the company, located throughout the country.

Arthur P. Higgins was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, August 5, 1880, son of Merrill Whitney Higgins, who made his home in Manchester for many years and died there at the age of sixty-two years. He received his education in the public schools of Manchester, graduating from the high school there and then taking a post-graduate course in the same school. He was then employed for five years with the Worcester Plunger Elevator Company, of Worcester, then owned by J. W. Higgins, now president of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company. In 1904 he began his long connection with the Worcester Pressed Steel Company, beginning at the bottom and gradually working his way up, learning thoroughly each branch of the business. Eventually, he was placed in charge of the purchasing department for a time. Later, he was made superintendent, and then became a member of the sales force. Thus he was made thoroughly familiar with the various departments of the business, securing a thorough training and a wide practical experience. In 1910 he was made secretary of the company and that official position he has continued to fill to the present time. In 1922, in addition to his duties as secretary, he was made sales manager, in charge of the agencies of the company located in all the important cities of the West and South, as well as in the East. Not only has Mr. Higgins won the entire confidence and esteem of the officials of the company, but his straightforward and upright dealing has caused him to be greatly respected and trusted by his agents throughout the country. When Mr. Higgins became associated with the company it owned only one building. At the present time the Worcester Pressed Steel Company's plant includes ten of the latest and most improved types of buildings. They own about fifty acres of ground and when production reached its peak, were employing as many as eight hundred men, all high grade mechanics and housed in all steel buildings. At present, he is the oldest, in point of time of service, of the officials, with the exception of the president. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, also of the Artisans Club, Rotary Club, Worcester Country Club, and Economic Club. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational Church at Adams Square.

Arthur P. Higgins married, April 16, 1916, Bertha P. Dunton, who was born in Milford, Massachusetts, and died in Worcester, May 5, 1932, deeply mourned not only by her family, but also by a very wide circle of friends, who held her in the highest esteem. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins became the parents of three children: Merle, Merrill Whitney and Richard.

PAUL HENKING WILSON—In a number of different types of business and industrial endeavor, Paul Henking Wilson has taken part, chiefly in the city of Worcester. Here he has lived for many years, being associated with the official organization of the Graton and Knight Company and now serving as its secretary and controller.

Mr. Wilson was born on May 13, 1886, at Yellow Springs, Ohio, son of George W. and Henrietta (Dwinell) Wilson. His father, born in Connecticut, died in 1916; he was an accountant. The mother was a Vermont woman and died in 1927. In the public schools of Clinton, Massachusetts, Paul Henking Wilson received his early education. In 1902 he began his business career with the Clinton Wire Cloth Company, subsequently joining forces with the American Steel and Wire Company,



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at Worcester, where he was associated with the auditing department, so continuing until 1909. Mr. Wilson, in that year, resigned his position to accept a similar one with the Graton and Knight Company, one of Worcester's prominent industrial enterprises. In his years with this company he has served in various capacities, succeeding Mr. Barth as controller, which position he holds today. The company manufactures leather goods.

He is also treasurer and a director of the Hahnemann Hospital, at Worcester, and is a leader in many social and civic undertakings. The Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce are both benefiting by his worth while work in their behalf and, through them, for the people of this city and county. Among the reforms that Mr. Wilson has espoused is that of the thirteen-month calendar, of which he is one of the foremost exponents. He has made many addresses in different parts of the United States on this subject, regarding which he has strong convictions. He is a man of scholarly abilities and attainments, a reader of fine books, and a student of men and affairs. During the World War he served his country as a member of different boards and committees. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, also of Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. His church is the Baptist. Into all his manifold activities Mr. Wilson has continuously put his best energies and his finest enthusiasm, with the result that he is esteemed, respected and honored by all who know him. His friends, who are many, are deeply appreciative of his contribution to Worcester County business life and to the well-being of the county's people and their institutions.

Paul Henking Wilson married, in 1911, Lillian M. Gould, of Massachusetts, member of an old American family. The children of their marriage have been three in number: 1. Paul H., Jr., born on June 19, 1915. 2. Winthrop B., born July 20, 1919. 3. Randolph G., born November 2, 1927. The Wilson home is situated at No. 36 Coventry Road, Worcester, and Mr. Wilson's business headquarters are those of the Graton and Knight Company, at No. 356 Franklin Street, this city.

WILLIAM D. LEAHY—A long and commendable connection with journalism has been held by William D. Leahy, editor and owner of the "Milford Daily News," an afternoon paper published in Milford. Well known to the Fourth Estate of this section of Massachusetts, he continues to exert a beneficial influence upon men and affairs in the territory covered by his paper. He is also a leader in Milford civic advance.

Born in Mystic, Connecticut, September 22, 1859, William D. Leahy is a son of James and Sarah (Carey) Leahy, both parents natives of Ireland; the father, an old-time manufacturer of hand-made nails, died some years ago, and the mother is deceased also. Mr. Leahy's education was received in the public schools, and he then learned the printing trade. For some time he was connected with the United States Government Printing Office, where he obtained valued experience. In 1887 he came to the town of Milford, and in September of that year the "Daily News," Milford's first daily newspaper, had its birth under the firm name of Mann and Leahy. Subsequently there was effected a consolidation of the "Milford Journal," then published by Cook and Sons, and the "News," the expanded paper being titled as the "Milford Daily News," of which Mr. Leahy became the editor and half owner. It is regarded as an up-to-date afternoon paper, which in 1932 had a sworn circulation of 4,600. Mr. Leahy thoroughly enjoys his work in the editorial sanctum and the cordiality and loyalty of his public to whom his paper is akin to an institution.

In addition to his prominence in the newspaper field of this region, he is an outstanding citizen of Milford in the promotion of a bigger and better town. For several terms he served as president of the Chamber of Commerce. In one of the greatest—some say the greatest—events in Milford history, the Sesqui-Centennial, he was chairman of the general committee and did, perhaps, as much or more than any other man to make the celebration the splendid success which favored the management. He was also president, for five years, of the Milford Chautauqua, another of the town's large successes from a literary, entertainment and social viewpoint. During the World War he was government fuel administrator for Milford and served on various boards and committees. As mementoes of his services at that time he holds a number of certificates of commendation from the Federal Government. He is a Past Noble Grand of his subordinate lodge, and a member of the Encampment and the Rebekahs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; a member and Past Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias; and a member and Past Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is affiliated with the City Club of Boston and the Magonistock Country Golf Club.

Mr. Leahy married, in 1886, Abbie A. Desautelle, of Milford.

PETER OWEN SHEA, M. D.—Military activities through the medical service, in which he rose to the rank of major, and holding a municipal office, in which he has become director of public health and hygiene in the city of Worcester, have featured the career of Dr. Peter O. Shea, veteran medical officer of two wars and one of the best known surgeons of Massachusetts.

Dr. Peter Owen Shea was born in Worcester, April 21, 1870, a son of Cornelius and Mary (Burke) Shea; the father, a native of County Cork, Ireland, died in 1898, and the mother, of County Mayo, Ireland, died in 1928. Dr. Shea was educated in the public schools of Worcester, then entered Holy Cross College, completed his academic course there and received his Bachelor of Arts degree, graduating in the class of 1892. He received his Master's degree at his *alma mater* in 1896. His medical training was obtained at Columbia University, where he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1894. He then took post-graduate work in hospitals of New York City, after which he returned to his native State where he established himself in an office in Chicopee and remained two years. Desiring to perfect himself still further for the practice of his profession, he went to Baltimore, Maryland, and studied as a special student in Johns Hopkins University. From Baltimore he returned to Framingham, Massachusetts, and was in practice there until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898.

He enlisted in the 9th Massachusetts Regiment and was assigned to duty in Virginia as a member of the Hospital Corps, being commissioned first lieutenant and assistant surgeon. He later went to Cuba as a member of the hospital staff and was on duty until his honorable discharge in 1900. He enlisted in service in the Massachusetts State Guard and was commissioned major in the medical section. He was sent by the United States Government on a mission to Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1917 at the time of the terrific explosion of a munitions ship which destroyed part of the city. He also traveled extensively over Massachusetts during the period of the devastating influenza epidemic as a representative of the State Government. From this mission he was finally discharged in Springfield, receiving at that time the following letter of commendation from the Governor of Massachusetts:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
State House, Boston, December 19, 1918.

MAJOR PETER OWEN SHEA,
106 MILLBURY STREET, WORCESTER:

DEAR MAJOR SHEA:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and personally, I want to thank you most heartily for the very effective work you did at the State Guard Hospital at Springfield in fighting the epidemic of influenza. This service is distinctive and one which reflects great credit upon you. While far removed from the battle line, it had all the elements of courage displayed by our boys there, and Massachusetts can still be proud of its citizenry when responses such as yours have come so cheerfully and willingly. Massachusetts will not soon forget your devotion, and the knowledge of having completed such notable service should be a constant source of gratification to you.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) SAMUEL W. MCCALL.

In 1900 Dr. Shea came to Worcester as a member of the board of health of this city, his reputation as an expert in the public health service having preceded him. On the death of his predecessor in the office, he was appointed by the board of health after a competitive civil service examination to the position of director of health and hygiene, in which office he has since remained. He served as a member of the school committee from 1901 to 1907. Appointed a trustee of Grafton State Hospital, he here held office three years and was reëlected for a second three-year term, but resigned when he was commissioned a major in the Massachusetts State Guard. He is a member of the Massachusetts Board of Health, American Public Health Association, Massachusetts National Guard Association, Spanish War Veterans Association, National Guard, U. S. A. Association, American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Society, and Worcester County Medical Society. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Knights of Robert Emmett, and he is a member of the Army and Navy Club, Boston. He is a communicant of the Church of the Ascension (Roman Catholic). Dr. Shea's official address is the City Hall, Worcester.

REV. FREDERICK LEWIS WEIS, B. D., S. T. M., Th. D.—A veteran of the World War, in which he rose to the rank of lieutenant, United States Navy, Rev. Frederick L. Weis is now minister of the First Church of Christ (Unitarian) at Lancaster. He is a compiler of genealogies of his family and correlated lines and, in the right of ancestry, is a member of important colonial and patriotic societies.

Frederick Lewis Weis was born at Pawtuxet Neck, Cranston, Rhode Island, August 22, 1895. His father was John Peter Carl Weis, son of Charles Frederick Weis (Johann Daniel Adolph, Johannes, Johann Albert, Hon. Johann Adam, Daniel Weis, "gentleman-at-arms, 1629") and Mary Clap (Richard, Captain Lemuel, Sergeant Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Nathaniel, Deacon Nicholas Clap who settled at Dorcester, 1633). His mother was Georgina Lewis, daughter of Senator Abiel Smith Lewis (Thomas, Deacon Thomas, Thomas, Captain and Deacon John, Lieutenant and Deacon John, Edmund Lewis who settled at Watertown, 1634) and Harriet Phipps Richardson (George, William, Esq., Captain Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Thomas Richardson who settled at Woburn, 1641). His father is the owner of the Narotex Company at Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Dr. Weis entered the United States Naval Academy in 1913 and was graduated there on March 29, 1917. On the following May 23, he was commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy, and on July 1, the same year, was advanced to lieutenant (junior grade). When the United States joined the Allies in the World War, he was assigned to the superdreadnaught "North Dakota" as assistant engineer officer. He was retired as lieutenant, United States Navy, on February 1, 1918, for physical disability.

Having elected the ministerial profession, he studied at the Meadville Theological School, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in the class of 1922. This institution made him a Master of Sacred Theology in 1928. The same school appointed him Cruft Fellow for the year 1922-23 and sent him to the University of Strasbourg, France, where he completed his studies in the year 1923-24. The University of Strasbourg conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Theology, *cum laude,* in 1930. He had also taken special work in the University of Chicago Divinity School and at the Harvard Theological School. He was unanimously called to fill the pastorate of the Third Religious Society (Unitarian-Congregational) at Dorchester, where he was ordained and installed as minister on November 9, 1924. He resigned from that position to accept the call of the First Church of Christ (Unitarian) in Lancaster, this society having been founded in 1653.

Dr. Weis gives considerable attention to literary work. He is the author of the "Life and Works of Johannes Denck, 1495-1527"; the compiler of the Weis-Lewis, the Phipps and the Weis genealogies; author of the "Genealogical History of Templeton, Massachusetts," and of the "Life, Teachings and Works of Ludwig Hetzer" (1930); editor of the "Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson" (1930). He was elected Historian General of the Society of the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy in 1930. He was the Elder of the Rhode Island Society of Mayflower Descendants and is a member of the Rhode Island Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Rhode Island Society of Colonial Wars and of the Rhode Island Historical

Society; secretary and treasurer, Unitarian Ministerial Union, 1926-28; vice-president, Clinton Hospital; and trustee of Lancaster Town Library. He is a Master Mason in Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 8, Free and Accepted Masons, at Limerock, Rhode Island.

Rev. Frederick Lewis Weis married, November 6, 1926, at Taunton, Massachusetts, Elizabeth Williams Stone. She is the daughter of William Sidney Stone (William, Colonel Leonard, Captain Leonard, Benjamin, Deacon Simon, Deacon Simon, Deacon Simon Stone, who settled at Watertown, 1630), and Ellen Reed Dewson (Edward Henry, Francis, Benjamin Dewson). She was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, December 17, 1904, and was graduated at the Lincoln School of Providence, Rhode Island, in 1922. They are the parents of Robert Pomeroy Weis, born at Taunton, June 12, 1928, and of Virginia Stone Weis, born at Clinton, June 10, 1930.

EUGENE F. GRAY—For the superiority of his artistry, first as a landscapist and later as a portrait photographer, the name of Eugene F. Gray has gone far beyond the confines of this county and city, where his work now chiefly centers. He is the possessor of many medals, certificates, diplomas and other trophies of honor and recognition. Mr. Gray is also credited with the invention and perfection of the vignetter, a machine on which he obtained letters patent. This remarkable device has since come into large use by the Eastman Kodak Company and by practically all leading camera manufacturers of America.

Born in Watertown, New York, June 3, 1868, Eugene F. Gray is the son of John C. and Isabel (Kilburn) Gray, both parents natives of New York; the father, who was a pioneer ice dealer in Watertown, died in 1889, and the mother in 1930. After he had completed his public school courses, Eugene F. Gray took a course of studies in a business college. He desired to have a commercial foundation to supplement the exposition of his art, to which he already was devoting his major talents. At an early age he was painting landscapes which attracted the attention of connoisseurs. It was his fine success in oils that led him to enter the field of photography, and he was only twenty-one years of age when he brought out his vignette machine. This added materially to his fame. From Watertown he went to Hartford, Connecticut, where he found desirable subjects among members of the Legislature, and his portraits highly pleased the lawmakers of that State. Among his patrons also were members of various constitutional convention committees. He next moved on to New Haven, in the same State, where he photographed as many as one thousand students of Yale University in a single year. In 1913 he transferred his studio and interests to the city of Worcester, where he has since continued to execute his high type of portrait work. He is rated by many as the leading photographic artist in this section of the State. A member of the International Association of Photographers, he is also a member of the New England Association of Photographers, of which he was president for three years.

His affiliations include Watertown (New York) Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Worcester Grotto, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, and the Worcester Country Club. A member of the Union Congregational Church, Worcester, he serves this body as its senior deacon.

Eugene F. Gray married, in 1896, Sarah Emily Hickok, and their children are: 1. Leland E., educated in the public schools. 2. H. Harold, educated at the University of Vermont. 3. Dorothy A., also educated at the same university. Mr. Gray has his studios at No. 476 Main Street, and the family home is at No. 912 Grove Street, Worcester.

WALTER F. HOOK was born at Worcester on August 5, 1904, a son of Albin F. and Anna E. (Hjlen) Hook, both natives of Sweden. When his parents first came to America, they settled in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, but later removed to Worcester, where the father was engaged in the wire business.

Walter F. Hook was educated in Worcester public schools and after leaving high school in 1921, became associated immediately with the Barnard-Sumner-Putnam Company. Although employed at first in minor capacities, he gradually rose within the organization, holding various positions in the sales, accounting and other departments until he was appointed to advertising manager. Apart from his business connections, Mr. Hook is a member of the Lions Club, the Advertising Club of Worcester and the Wachusett Country Club.

On May 12, 1928, Walter F. Hook married Alice Hultgren of this city. They reside at No. 5 Dybeck Street.

FRANCIS HENRY TAYLOR was appointed for a study of the Romanesque Sculpture of the Roussillon, with special reference to the sculpture from St. Genis des Fontaines and the origins of the style of the eleventh century; the tenure to be six months from February 1, 1932. Mr. Taylor was born April 23, 1903, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His education follows: University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor of Arts, 1924; University of Paris, 1924-25; American Academy in Rome, 1925-1926; Princeton University, 1926-27. He has been assistant curator of sculpture, editor of publications, 1927-28, curator of mediaeval art and editor, 1928-1931, in the Pennsylvania Museum of Art and curator of the Rodin Museum, Philadelphia, 1930-1931. Mr. Taylor is now director of the Worcester Art Museum, 1931-.

HERBERT A. and PEARL M. DANIELS—To every State in the Union and throughout Canada and to sixteen other foreign countries stock or eggs have been shipped from Daniels' Rhode Island Red Plant, owned and managed by Herbert A. and Pearl M. Daniels, at Grafton Center, Worcester County. They are among the most prominent and successful breeders of pedigreed and certified poultry in this section of Massachusetts, making a specialty of Rhode Island Reds, also canaries and Red Persian cats. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels started in a small way in 1916 with their present blood lines of Reds, and they have since grown to be among the best known poultry breeders in this part of the country. They handle only standard-bred, pedigreed Reds and

have about three hundred breeders on the plant. Besides Canada (including Nova Scotia), the foreign countries to which they ship eggs or stock are Newfoundland, Bermuda, Cuba, Argentina, Chile, Java, New Zealand, Russia, Holland, England, Scotland, Wales, Denmark and South Africa. They are members of the Massachusetts Association of Certified Poultry Breeders, Inc., Worcester County Poultry Association, Rhode Island Red Club of America, and life-members of the American Poultry Association.

Herbert Alfred Daniels was born in Grafton, Worcester County, October 11, 1873, the son of Elisha and Hannah (Pierce) Daniels, both parents natives of that town and now deceased, the former having been at one time a shoemaker and later a stationary engineer. He has always resided in his home town and for a quarter-century followed different employments, having been a horseshoer up to twenty years ago, since which time he has been engaged altogether in the business of poultry breeding. He married, on Labor Day, September, 1916, Pearl Marion Smith, a native of Northborough.

Mrs. Daniels has been handling all of the advertising matter and doing all the clerical work of the Daniels Pedigreed Rhode Island Red Plant at Grafton Center since 1917. Since that year she has also written regularly for the "Rhode Island Red Journal," published at Waverly, Iowa. In 1926-27 she was secretary of the Rhode Island Red Club of America, which at the time had an international membership of more than five thousand, located all over the world. She is a member of the editorial board of the "New England Poultryman" and also handles the question-and-answer department of that journal. For seven years she has managed the poultry department of the "Worcester County Farmer"; She is secretary of the Worcester County Poultry Association and of the Massachusetts Association of Certified Poultry Breeders, Inc. In 1933 she put on the first Massachusetts chick show ever to be staged; it was held in the Hotel Bancroft Annex, Worcester. It appears that the reputation and popularity of the Rhode Island Red are safe in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Daniels.

PHILIP CENEDELLA—At the head of the oldest concern of its kind in Worcester County, Philip Cenedella, of Milford, inherited from his father the business now known as Cenedella and Company, general contractors. He has done a great deal of important work in the public utilities and public works fields, his business not being confined to this county, but extending to many parts of the United States. He has served the town of Milford as a selectman and chairman of the board and in many other ways has evinced his interest in local government and civic affairs.

Giacomo Cenedella, father of Philip, married Maria Simoni and they lived in Lonato, Brescia, Italy. He came to the United States in 1883, returned to Italy the same year, brought back the family in 1884, and settled in Milford, where he and his family were the first natives of Italy to make their home. The elder Cenedella entered the general contracting business in 1892 under his own name and was thus engaged with the assistance of his sons until 1906, in which year he died.

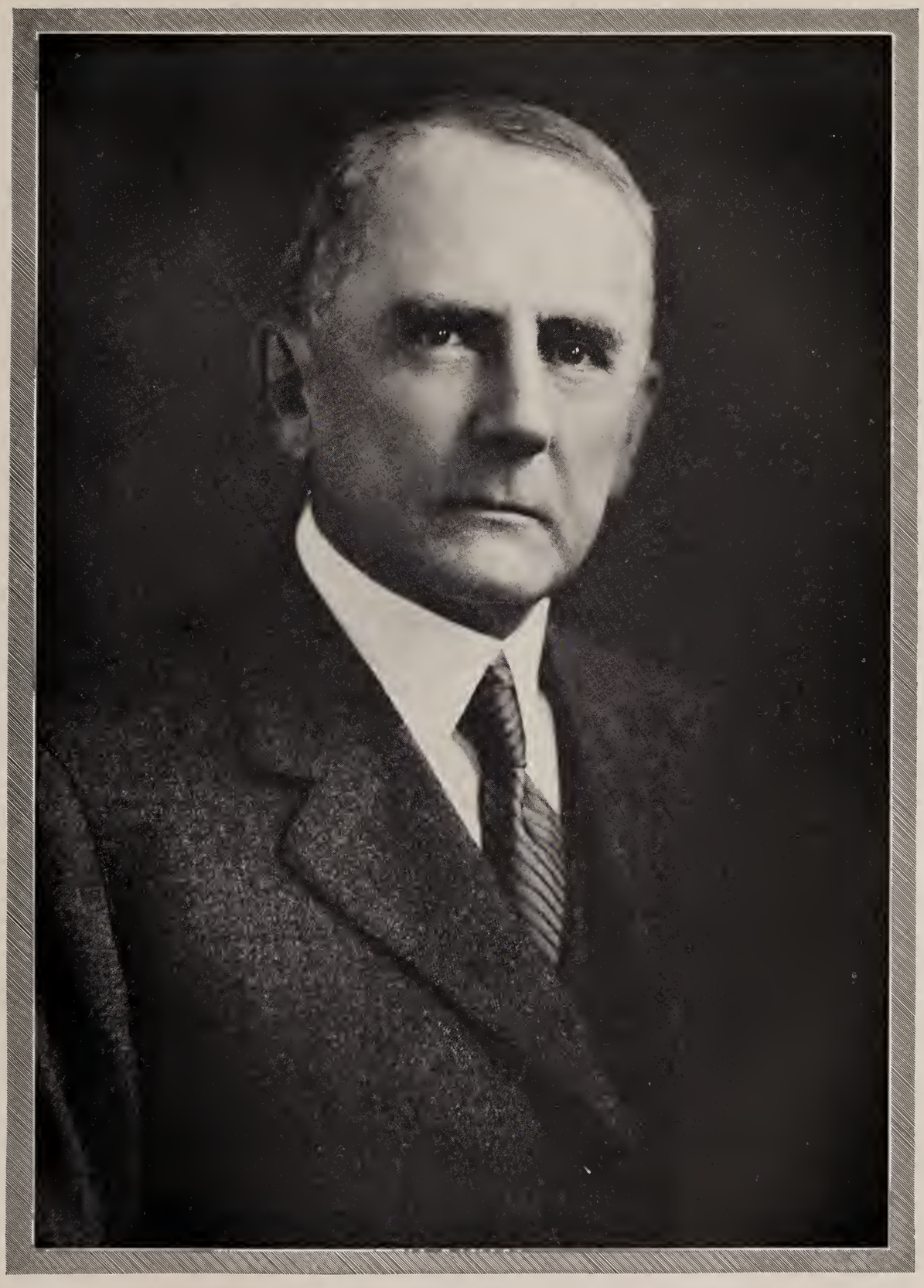
Born in Lonato, Italy, May 24, 1872, Philip Cenedella obtained his early education in the schools of his native town. He was twelve years of age, when he arrived from the old homeland and with his parents came to live in Milford. After completing his schooling in Milford, he learned the trade of a stonecutter, but never pursued it as a business. Instead he joined his father in the general contracting firm, remaining loyally by his side until his death. In 1906 the title of the concern was changed to Cenedella and Company, of which Philip Cenedella became the active head. He has developed the business of general contracting on a broad scale, and to the company's credit there stand many large and well-known pieces of construction, as bridges, railroads, tunnels, concrete works, waterworks, and highways, which have been built in different parts of the country, principally east of the Mississippi. On an average, in normal times, a force of one hundred and fifty men is maintained on the payroll.

The fellow-citizens of Milford have been pleased to honor Mr. Cenedella, now the oldest Milfordian of Italian birth in point of residence, in a signal manner, befitting his public spirit. Besides electing him to the board of selectmen, on which he served as a member six years and as its chairman five years, they chose him for president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a past president of the Taxpayers Association of Milford, which body he helped organize. In addition he served on various boards and committees during the World War period. Mr. Cenedella, with Wendell Williams and Patrick J. Lawless, was elected by a committee of the depositors of the Home National Bank in Milford to the post of trustee in charge of the liquidation of the collateral unacceptable to the government. He is affiliated with the Societa Operaia Italiana, of which he is a charter member and the president since 1928; the Sons of Italy; and Milford Lodge, No. 628 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which last-named body he is trustee. His religious connection is with the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart.

Mr. Cenedella married, November 27, 1901, at Boston, Louise F. Gardetto, daughter of Dominic and Carlotta (Pene) Gardetto. Mr. and Mrs. Cenedella have children: 1. Marie, a graduate of St. Elizabeth's School, New Jersey. 2. Harold, a graduate of Notre Dame University. 3. Philip J., who is also a graduate of Notre Dame. 4. Robert, a graduate of Colgate University; married, December 20, 1932, Franconia Bilsbury and they have one child, Pene Leah, born November 10, 1933. 5. Louise, a graduate of LaSalle College. 6. Carlotta, attending high school.

CHARLES H. SIBLEY—A resident of Worcester, in his native Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Charles H. Sibley is a member of the law firm of Sibley, Blair and Young, of this city. His part in Worcester city and county affairs has been an extensive and a useful one, bringing him the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens and associates at the bar.

Mr. Sibley was born on February 14, 1867, at New Salem, Massachusetts, son of Sylvanus and Abigail E. (Briggs) Sibley. His father, a native of Petersham, Massachusetts, died in 1892; and his mother, a native of New Salem, in 1902. Both



Charles H Sibley

were descendants of old New England families. In the public schools of New Salem and in New Salem Academy Charles H. Sibley, of this review, received his early education; afterward he entered Amherst College, from which he was graduated in 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Following his graduation he first became principal of the Sterling, Massachusetts, High School which position he held for two years, and for the following three years was principal of the Ashland, Massachusetts, High School. He was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1897. Immediately he began a general practice of his profession in Worcester, carrying on his legal work under his own name and independently until 1919. He then became a member of the firm of Sibley, Blair and Young, referred to above, with whom he has remained since that time. His place in Worcester is one of leadership and high standing. Prior to 1919 he acted as master and auditor in many important cases.

He has not by any means confined his energies, however, to the law, having contributed to organizational activities of value in both civic and social life. He is a trustee of the Mechanics Savings Bank, of Worcester, and is also affiliated with several prominent groups, such as the Worcester Club, the University Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club and the Amherst Club. During the World War, Mr. Sibley was a member of different boards and committees helping in the prosecution of the cause of the United States and the Allied governments. Though not himself directly interested in politics and not a seeker after nor holder of public office, he acted, in 1932, as manager of W. S. Shuster's successful campaign for the Governor's Council in Massachusetts. A number of professional groups also have found Mr. Sibley a valuable helper, particularly the Worcester County Bar Association and the Massachusetts State Bar Association. Rated high among lawyers, he occupies a position at the forefront of his profession, as well as in different departments of civic endeavor, and is outstanding for his work in a wide territory. His religious faith is that of the Protestant Church. Throughout his life he has been best known for his devotion to his family, his friends and his clients to the exclusion of all public honors.

Charles H. Sibley married (first), in 1899, Emma O. Patten of Sterling, Massachusetts, who is now deceased. He married (second), in 1915, Maud W. Caswell, of Gardner, Massachusetts. By the first marriage, there were three children: 1. Paul, born August 19, 1902, now a Worcester manufacturer; was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1925 with the degree of Bachelor of Science; he married Nancy Norton of Cleveland, Ohio, and they became the parents of one child, Charles H. Sibley, 2d. 2. Wayne, born March 13, 1904, and now a member of his father's firm; was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1926, a Bachelor of Arts, and from Boston University, in 1929, a Bachelor of Laws. 3. Lloyd, died in 1922 at the age of sixteen.

FRANCIS J. DEARY—Associated with the large and well-known dairy firm of Deary Brothers, of Webster and Dudley, and a deputy sheriff of Worcester County, Francis J. Deary is a leading business man and public official, a veteran of the World War, and prominent in affairs of veterans' organizations.

Born in Saugus, Massachusetts, November 23, 1894, Francis J. Deary is a son of Charles H. and Anna (Devine) Deary, the former a native of Donegal, Ireland, and the latter of Liverpool, England. His parents were married in Glasgow, Scotland, came to America about 1883 and settled in Saugus. The mother died in February, 1924, and the father, who was an ironworker, is now making his home with his son, Francis J. After passing through the public schools of Saugus and Dudley, Francis J. Deary attended Nichols' Academy for a course of additional study and later entered the Bartlett High School, Webster, where he was graduated in 1914. He played professional baseball (second-baseman) for the Pawtucket (Rhode Island) Colonial League team in 1915. In that season he was injured by a pitched ball and was incapacitated for further league ball.

He entered the employ of the old Adams Express Company, transferring valuables and delivering payrolls, a very important position. His next position was that of fireman on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, with which he remained fourteen months. During his service he was slightly injured in a train wreck at Plainfield. While convalescing he was employed as a stationary fireman. In May, 1917, he enlisted for service in the United States Navy. Despairing of being called into action, he again enlisted, this time in the army, and was sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison for training. With Company N, 22d Engineers (Pioneers), he went overseas in September, 1917. He was given his fill of active service, while participating in the battles of Verdun, the Vesle, the second Marne, St. Mihiel and the Argonne. He was wounded in the Argonne the very morning the Armistice was signed and was removed to a hospital, whence he escaped in time to rejoin his comrades on their journey home to the States. He was mustered out of service at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, June 30, 1919, and received his honorable discharge papers at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, July 3, 1919.

On his return home he went to work in the Chase mill of the American Woolen Company, where he was employed ten years. In 1923 he associated himself with his three brothers in the dairy business, which they have developed to one of the largest in this section of New England. The Deary Brothers specialize in "Grade A" milk, manufacture ice-cream for sale at retail at their own stand in Webster, and operate twelve retail automobile trucks, two wholesale trucks and three country or collection trucks.

Mr. Deary is one of the most active members of his community in business, political and social affairs. He was a member of the board of assessors for three years and its chairman for one year; chairman of the board of public welfare in 1926-27; chief of police in 1931; in 1932 was appointed a member of the committee on by-laws and elected secretary of this committee; elected chairman of the committee in 1933. His commission as a deputy sheriff of Worcester County was signed June 22, 1933. For the past three years he has been an officer of the Citizens Military Training Corps. His prominence in veterans' organizations is shown by the fact that he is a Past Commander of Webster-Dudley Post, No. 184,

American Legion; a member of the Society of "40 and 8"; was county secretary of the Worcester County Council of the American Legion for two years, a member of the executive committee of the Legion district for two years, and a post service officer for seven years. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. His hobbies are outdoor sports and athletics generally, in which he has been keenly interested since his schooldays, when he was active in them.

Francis J. Deary married, September 20, 1920, Anna Kangley, of Webster, and their children are: Barbara M., Francis J., Jr., Bernard C., Joseph H., Edward T., and William J. The family home is on West Main Street in Dudley.

CALVIN HENRY ANDREWS—Since 1916 Calvin Henry Andrews has been the efficient principal of the High School of Commerce in Worcester and during that time he has not only proved his ability as an administrator, but has closely identified himself with the sports and other extra-curricular activities of the students of his school.

Calvin Henry Andrews was born at Boylston, Massachusetts, January 1, 1871, son of John Thomas and Henrietta Martyn (Brigham) Andrews of that town. His grandfathers, Captain John Andrews and Henry H. Brigham, held high place in the esteem of their fellow-townsmen, and each served his district for two terms in the Massachusetts State Legislature. Calvin Henry Andrews received his early education in the public schools of Boylston and then entered Worcester High School, in the same building in which he is now serving as principal of the High School of Commerce. After graduation from high school he entered the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1893. The following fall he began his career as an educator by accepting a position as teacher of physics in the English High School of Worcester. During the year 1895-96 he took a special course in pedagogy and mathematics in Clark University in Worcester, while still teaching in the English High School, where he remained until June, 1901. In September of that year he was transferred to South High School as teacher of physics and there he continued until June, 1914. His eleven years of more than ordinarily able service had well fitted him for the greater responsibilities of administrative work in the high school, and in 1914 he was appointed assistant principal of the High School of Commerce. Two years later, in August, 1916, he was made principal of that school and during the many years of his service since then in that capacity he has accomplished much for the High School of Commerce and for individual students of that school. Under his able administration the school has developed along the most modern and practical lines. In addition to the regular administrative and constructive work which his position requires of him, Mr. Andrews has added the "good measure" of a very active interest and participation in the sports and recreations of his students. He is an enthusiastic believer in, and lover of, out-of-door sports. He played halfback on the celebrated Worcester Polytechnic football team of 1892 and has always enjoyed swimming, skating, and tennis, and he has enthusiastically supported the athletic activities of the High School of Commerce.

This brief record only faintly conveys an idea of the great responsibilities carried by Mr. Andrews. The school under his direction occupies four large four-story buildings and in these there is an attendance of nearly 4,000 pupils, and a corps of about one hundred and thirty teachers are employed as instructors. It is the largest public high school under one head east of the Hudson River. The discipline is most excellent and the great influence of this large corps of teachers is justly entitled to the very high credit which its work receives. Probably no teacher or principal in any school in New England and possibly few in the United States stand higher in the estimation of pupils, parents and teachers than does Mr. Andrews. The directing and guidance of this large group of teachers and the exercise of those characteristics which install harmony into such a large number of pupils and teachers, of many entirely different temperaments, is almost phenomenal. The fact that the same teachers have remained only too gladly under Mr. Andrews year after year shows the love, esteem and respect in which he is held. He is a charter member of the Eastern Association of Physics Teachers, which he served as president for one year, the National High School Principals Association, the Massachusetts School Principals Association. Fraternally he is identified with Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Worcester Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He supports the principles of the Republican party, and his religious affiliation is with the Boylston Congregational Church, which he has served as chairman of the board of trustees for several years and as deacon for more than forty years. Mr. Andrews' love of out-of-door activities finds practical expression in directing and participating in farming on the old home farm of his parents. Summer vacations are filled with happy, health-building, and economically useful work on the farm, and he returns to school duties in the fall tanned, physically fit, and enthusiastic.

Calvin Henry Andrews married, August 21, 1896, Martha Esther Reed, who was born in Boylston, November 20, 1876. Mrs. Andrews was graduated from the Clinton High School with highest honors in 1894. She returned to this school and took a post-graduate course in the classics. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have one child, Martha Henrietta, who was born November 22, 1904, and who in 1917 was a student in the Adams Square School. After leaving the Adams Square School she entered the Worcester High School of Commerce, from which she was graduated in 1922 as a first honor pupil. She received a mark of "A" in every subject throughout her high school course, a record rarely made in any Worcester high school. She entered Simmons College in the fall of 1922 and was graduated in 1926. Since her graduation she has taught in the Holden High School and is now a secretary in the Norton Company of Worcester.

HENRY ODIN TILTON—The Worcester manager of the noted General Electric Company, Henry Odin Tilton, has been a resident of the city for a quarter of a century, during which period he has actively contributed to the progress and welfare of the community. He has a public-spirited attitude towards local affairs, and has always been ready to do his best to forward any movement which looked toward the benefit of

the municipality and its people. He was honored by the mayor of Worcester by being delegated to represent the Massachusetts city at the dedication in Worcester, England, on October 25, 1932, of certain public buildings by the Prince of Wales.

Mr. Tilton was born in Lexington, Massachusetts, June 1, 1885, a son of Dr. Josiah Odin and Hattie A. (French) Tilton, members of pioneer New England families. Mrs. Tilton was a native of Peterborough, New Hampshire, while Dr. Tilton was born at Limerick, Maine. His father is one of the oldest living residents of Lexington, and had practiced medicine there longer than any other member of his profession, having begun in 1883. He always had played prominent rôles in the affairs of the town, particularly those of a civic character, serving as chairman of the board of health for many years, and as a member of the Park Commission and holding other offices of trust.

Henry Odin Tilton received his preliminary education in the Lexington schools, being a graduate of the high school, 1902. Entering Harvard University, he was graduated in 1907 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His college fraternity is Kappa Sigma, and he retains his touch with the students of former and present days as a member of the Harvard Club of Worcester. In the very month that his college days came to an end, Mr. Tilton became associated with the General Electric Company, his first job being that of salesman in the Boston headquarters. He was later assigned to the Lynn, Massachusetts, office, and returned again to Boston, in 1910, and came to Worcester in 1911, where he has continued since. He was made manager of the local office in 1918, and has won an enviable reputation as a business man. He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and other technical societies of minor importance.

In addition to caring for the duties of his position, Mr. Tilton has always managed to give a great deal of his time and attention to many spheres of activity. He is a member of the Worcester School Committee from Ward Ten, serving during 1922 to 1926, and was a member of the city council from Ward Nine, during the years 1927 and 1928; was elected a member of the common council in 1929 and 1930 and was elected its president in 1932. He is also a member of the executive council of the Worcester Safety Council, and is a popular figure in the local Chamber of Commerce. Numbered among his clubs are the Rotary, Harvard, University, Bohemian, and he is a member of the Worcester Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Worcester Royal Arch Chapter, Royal and Select Masters. He has served on the executive committee of the Worcester Council, Boy Scouts of America. For many years a member of the Central Congregational Church, Mr. Tilton is the treasurer of the organization, and active in its religious and philanthropic work. Mountain climbing, bowling, fishing, and out-door sports furnish him with his chief recreations. He is fond of traveling, and knows his own country well, and in 1930 spent four months touring Europe.

On September 30, 1914, Mr. Tilton married Olive Northrop Fobes of Lexington, Massachusetts, daughter of Edwin Francis and Jessie (Burnell) Fobes. Mrs. Tilton is a graduate of Smith College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and is active in civic, club and humanitarian circles of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Tilton are the parents of three children: Edwin Odin, born August 2, 1915; Harriet F., born March 19, 1918; and Deborah B., born January 25, 1924.

EDGAR LYON RAMSDELL—Vice-president of the National Bank of Worcester and widely known in business and financial circles of the city and county and in this part of the State, Edgar Lyon Ramsdell was born in Worcester, on March 11, 1879. He is a son of Horace and Elizabeth (Pollock) Ramsdell, the former, whose death occurred in 1884, a native of Maine, and the latter of Massachusetts.

Edgar Lyon Ramsdell received his early academic training in the public schools and was graduated from English High School, Worcester, in 1897. Following this he had his initial business experience, and in the meantime, 1896, a year before graduation from high school, had begun his connection with the banking world, as an employee of the First National Bank of Worcester, as messenger. He continued with this bank and advanced through the ranks to the place of teller, from which, in July, 1905, he resigned in order to become assistant to the city treasurer, Frederick W. White. In this office he was employed until January 1, 1913, having been elected county treasurer in the fall of 1912. He resigned on July 1, 1925, to return to the banking business.

At this time he had become one of the well-known men in Worcester, in business circles and finance. He became vice-president and trust officer of the Mechanics National Bank, and this important office he has retained through the years succeeding down to the present time and has contributed largely to the business and standing of the institution.

Mr. Ramsdell's other interests, business, financial and otherwise, are numerous. He is clerk of the board of trustees of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank. Since 1925 he has acted as a commissioner of the sinking fund for the city. He is treasurer of the Hospital Cottages for Children here; a member of all the York Rite bodies of Masonry and also a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Boston; is active in the Worcester Economic Club; and retains various further affiliations. Since 1907 he has been a member of the official board of the First Church of Christ, and is now treasurer of the church corporation.

On October 3, 1891, Mr. Ramsdell was united in marriage with Mary Ethel Snyder, of Worcester; and of this union the following children were born: 1. Elizabeth, born July 3, 1902; married Clarence R. Barrington, of Detroit; and they are the parents of two children: Wayne R., born April 13, 1924, and Gordon R., February 12, 1928. 2. Edward Snyder, born August 29, 1905; student at Tufts Medical College. 3. Eleanor, born September 16, 1915. The family residence in Worcester is at No. 15 Algonquin Road. Mr. Ramsdell's office as vice-president of the Mechanics' National Bank is at No. 309 Main Street.

HERMANN P. RICCIUS—During his entire active career, Hermann P. Riccius has been connected with the manufacture of woolens in the New England textile industry, serving as an executive officer of the George E. Duffy Manufacturing Company of Worcester from the time of its organization in 1910.

Mr. Riccius was born on October 4, 1883, at Millbury, Massachusetts, a son of Adolf Gustav and Ida A. (Barton) Riccius. His father, who was a native of Germany, but is now deceased, was a woolen manufacturer by occupation and was also a professional musician.

Hermann P. Riccius received his education in Massachusetts public schools. In 1900 he entered the employ of the late Edward D. Thayer, who at that time was owner and operator of the Ashworth and Jones Mill and upon the incorporation of the business in 1907 became an executive of the company. After the death of Edward D. Thayer in 1907 the plant was purchased by the George E. Duffy Manufacturing Company and Mr. Riccius became secretary and a director of the corporation. George E. Duffy was president of the company until his death in 1927. Walter F. Duffy and Mr. Riccius were the other executives. Present officers are: Walter F. Duffy, president; Ralph E. Duffy, treasurer and general manager; Hermann P. Riccius, secretary and director. This is a leading industrial concern of Worcester, its plant being located at No. 1511 Main Street. Total floor space available is in excess of 150,000 square feet, and about two hundred workers are employed. The factory is completely equipped with the most modern machinery and conveniences. The products of the company consisting of heavy weight woolen cloakings and overcoatings find a ready market throughout the United States.

Mr. Riccius' services have contributed no little to the steady development and growth of the company and he has taken an active part in the management of its affairs. He is a member of the Worcester Club and is well known in other phases of the city's life. Mr. Riccius makes his home in Worcester and has many social interests here.

FRANK FARNUM DRESSER—Recognized as one of the leaders of the Worcester County bar and as an authority on the subject of employers' liability, the late Frank F. Dresser left a deep impression upon his professional brethren, the law courts, and people of this city and State. An unusual man and gifted with mental powers beyond many, he exercised his talents for the common good.

Born in Southbridge, Worcester County, October 10, 1872, Frank Farnum Dresser was the son of George Kelley and Maria Louisa (Farnum) Dresser. He attended the public schools and took college preparatory work at the Fish private school in Worcester. Then he entered Harvard University and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1894, after which he entered the law school and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1897. In the same year he was awarded his master's degree at Harvard.

Admitted to the bar at a sitting of court in Worcester County in 1897, Mr. Dresser began the practice of his profession in the city of Worcester that year, being associated with the firm of Hopkins, Smith and Hopkins. This continued up to 1902, when he was admitted to a partnership as a member of this firm and the name then became Smith, Gage and Dresser, and with this firm he was identified in general law practice until his death. Altogether his legal activities covered a period of twenty-seven years. In this time he forged to the front rank of Worcester County lawyers, and he was known throughout the State, both as a successful practitioner and as a counselor whose breadth of learning and authoritative writings commanded the respect of the bench and bar and also of many men in business and industrial life. He wrote several works, but the outstanding ones are: "Employers' Liability Acts and Assumption of Risks," published in 1902, and "Employers Supplement," 1908. Not only did his books carry the appeal for which they were designed, but they were accepted as unexcelled expositions of the fundamental laws of liabilities and risks devolving upon and assumed by employers.

On the organization of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Mr. Dresser was chosen general counsel of this body, and much of the success that attended its career during his lifetime was attributed to its following of the expert advice given by him. In 1898, the year after he left Harvard, he was appointed United States Commissioner for this district, and in the capacity of a Federal magistrate occupied the office with ability and distinction until 1920, a period of twenty-two years. A Republican in politics, he was ever loyal to his party. He was a member of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention in 1917-19. His professional affiliations included the Worcester County Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association and American Bar Association. He was a trustee of the Worcester Institution for Savings, the Bancroft School, the Memorial Hospital, and the Worcester Art Museum, and was also a member of the American Antiquarian Society, the Worcester Club and nearly all the important local clubs, including the Union Club of Boston. He was a member of the board of directors of several corporations, and his fellow-members and the companies with which he was associated profited greatly from his counsel and business capacity. His religious connection was with the Unitarian denomination.

Frank Farnum Dresser married, August 10, 1904, at Worcester, Josephine Rose Lincoln, daughter of Waldo Lincoln, of this city. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Dresser are: 1. Louisa, born October 25, 1907, graduated at Vassar College, and elected to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year. 2. Rose Lincoln, born October 9, 1909, attended Vassar College. 3. Waldo Lincoln, born March 28, 1916, now at Exeter Academy. 4. Frances Merrick, born December 1, 1918, a student at the Bancroft School.

Bench and bar of Worcester County, and a large personal following of friends and associates mourned the loss of Mr. Dresser which came with his passing on September 9, 1924, when he lacked only a few days of his fifty-second birthday. He was in the very prime of his life and at the height of his powers, and it seemed that he had many more years of usefulness in prospect. His was a worthy record as a lawyer and citizen, and he bequeathed a precious and enduring memory to those who follow on.

Hamlet Dreesen

ERNEST PERKINS BENNETT, for thirty three years associated with the corset industry of Worcester, was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, February 25, 1874, the son of William J. and Orpha M. (Perkins) Bennett. Both the Bennett and Perkins families were among the early settlers of New England. Mr. Bennett is a direct descendant of Michael Metcalf, the first schoolmaster of Dedham.

William J. Bennett, father of Ernest Perkins Bennett, was born in Worcester, Vermont. As a young man he joined the "49ers" and shipped on a sailing vessel for California by way of Cape Horn. Two years later, on his return in 1851, he was shipwrecked off the coast of Lower California, but made his way on foot across the Isthmus of Panama and later spent his active life in Nashua, New Hampshire, in the employ of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company.

After completing his education Ernest P. Bennett came to Worcester and in 1893 entered the employ of the Royal Worcester Corset Company, first in the office and later as traveling representative. In 1897 he was made superintendent of the factory and later became general manager, from which position he resigned in 1926. Since then much of his time has been devoted to various civic and charitable organizations. For six years he was a trustee of the Worcester Public Library and served as president of the board. Always interested in the welfare of the Worcester Fire Department he is a charter member and ex-president of the Box Four Associates and in 1931 was elected by the board of engineers an honorary member of the department in appreciation of his beneficial and constructive efforts in behalf of the department. In 1918 he was appointed a member of the exemption board, division No. 4, of the city of Worcester. For twenty years he has served as a member of the board of directors for the Worcester Hahnemann Hospital and is at present president of the corporation. He is president of the Worcester County Mechanics Association and has served on the boards of the Associated Charities and the Memorial Home for the Blind and other similar organizations. At the present time Mr. Bennett is chairman of the board of Motion Picture Review. Politically, Mr. Bennett is a Republican and from 1928 to 1933 served as chairman of the city committee. Mr. Bennett is a Mason, being a member of the bodies of the York Rite, including the Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Aleppo Temple. He is a member of the Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, Boston City Club, and a member and ex-president of the Worcester Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett attend the Old South Church.

Ernest Perkins Bennett married Mae Grace Winn, the daughter of Jeremiah and Mary A. (Allen) Winn, of Worcester. Mrs. Bennett is actively interested in various civic and charitable organizations. She is president of the Temporary Home and Day Nursery Society, on the board of which she has served for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett live at No. 38 May Street, in Worcester and have a summer home, "Grey Top," in Princeton, Massachusetts.

LESTER M. LINCOLN—Among business leaders in Athol and the vicinity, Lester M. Lincoln, proprietor of the Millers River Laundry, holds rank for progressiveness and the adoption of modern methods. He is interested in the civic and commercial advance of Athol and affiliates with important fraternal bodies.

Family records have it that the earliest member of the Lincoln family of this connection came from England in 1645. Tradition gives one Samuel Lincoln as arriving as early as 1638. There was a Samuel Lincoln, who was great-great-grandfather of Lester M., and he had a son, Samuel (2). The latter's son, Thomas Lincoln, came to Petersham and later settled in Greenwich, Massachusetts. He married Sarah Lyon and they reared a large family, of whom was Leonard. Leonard Lincoln was born in Greenwich and spent most of his life in Prescott, Massachusetts, where he was a farmer and an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Harriett Carpenter, who like himself was a member of one of New England's old families. Their children were: 1. Milton L., deceased. 2. Charles E., deceased. 3. Frank W., deceased. 4. Jennie A., deceased. 5. George W., deceased. 6. Myron L. 7. Fred W. 8. Lester M., of whom further.

Lester M. Lincoln, youngest child of Leonard and Harriett (Carpenter) Lincoln, was born in Prescott, March 27, 1873, and was educated in the public (district) school and at New Salem Academy, where he had one term of study. On leaving school he followed the woodworking trade, becoming foreman of a sash and blind factory in Athol, holding the position for twenty-two years. In 1918 he engaged in the laundry business, having as a partner Harold Wheeler in the consolidation of the Exchange Street Laundry and the Athol Steam Laundries under the more comprehensive title of the Millers River Laundry, with their plant at No. 156 Marble Street, Athol. In 1919 Mr. Lincoln purchased his partner's interest and he has since been the sole owner of the business. He has developed the establishment successfully, expanding its services to cover a radius of seven miles from Athol. He handles all kinds of individual and family washing, and the workmanship of the establishment is of the quality and promptness that give the business an excellent reputation. His laundry ranks among the first-class establishments of the kind, and it is his consistent purpose to maintain this standing. The employed staff consists of thirteen persons, virtually all of them being trained operatives.

He is deeply interested in the community life of Athol, being a member of the local chapter of the American Red Cross Society and affiliating with Athol Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Tully Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand; Mount Pleasant Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Chief Patriarch; and Athol Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a former member of the Knights of Pythias, Young Men's Christian Association, and Pequoig Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, of which he is a Past Sachem. From the time he was twelve years of age he has been a member of the Good Templars organization and in the Athol Lodge has filled the chair of Chief Templar.

Lester M. Lincoln married, November 3, 1897, Lillian Chamberlin, of Erving, Franklin County, and their children are: 1. Rex C., a member of the Athol Fire Department. 2. Earl R., associated with the Standard Accident Company at Detroit, Michi-

gan. 3. Ralph D., attended the University of Alabama and now associated with his father. He is an athlete of record and was captain of his football team and pitcher on the baseball club at high school. The mother of this family passed away in 1929. The Lincoln family home and the Millers River Laundry Company's address are at No. 156 Marble Street, Athol.

ALFRED A. PARKER—During his entire active career, Alfred A. Parker has been associated with the Waite Hardware Company of Worcester, entering the employ of this company as an errand boy when it was a small retail store and rising within the organization as it continued to grow and expand. Today he is vice-president and general manager of the company, president of several of its subsidiaries, and is recognized as an authority on hardware merchandising.

Mr. Parker was born at Agawam, Massachusetts, on October 8, 1880, a son of Charles A. and Louise (McKee) Parker, both natives of Massachusetts both now deceased. They came to Worcester in 1895 and it was in January of that year that Alfred A. Parker, the son, then fifteen years old entered the hardware store of H. M. Waite as an errand boy. His education was limited to the common schools, but his ambition was unlimited and the ability he displayed soon won him promotion. In 1908 the Waite Hardware Company was formed. Mr. Parker had then been with them for thirteen years and was a valued member of the organization. He continued his rise through various offices and in 1918 became vice-president and general manager of the company. In 1929 he and his associates took over the business of Rosebrooks Company in Webster, forming the Waite Hardware Company of Webster of which Mr. Parker was elected president. In 1931 he also became president of the newly organized Waite Hardware Company of Southbridge. The growth of the Waite Hardware Company has been steady and consistent from the small retail store of years ago to its present size. The company now occupies two complete buildings and a warehouse on the Boston and Albany Railroad. They carry on a large jobbing business, delivering in their own trucks to store doors throughout Worcester County, and a large industrial supply business in addition to their modern and up-to-date retail stores.

Mr. Parker has many other interests. He has been particularly active in promoting the Independent Coöperative Bank of Worcester, inducing a great many of his friends and acquaintances to become share holders in this institution, which has already come to play an important part in the business life of this section. In recognition of his services to the bank, his executive ability and soundness of judgment, Mr. Parker was elected vice-president of the bank in October, 1930. He has written numerous articles on commercial credit and has been widely quoted in various trade papers of the country. Mr. Parker is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He joined the local Kiwanis Club in 1918, served as a director of that body in 1929-30, and has also served on various committees, being chairman of several. In addition he is a member of the Hillcrest Country Club, the Worcester Light Infantry Veterans Association, and is vice-president of the American Shetland Sheep Dog Association. Mr. Parker has taken a very great interest in the Shetland sheep dog and breeds them at his own kennels. This is a rather small breed of sheep dog, somewhat resembling a collie, and comes originally from the Shetland Islands. Mr. Parker breeds them for recreation and has acquired a considerable reputation as a fancier. In spite of the many demands which business makes upon him, he has always been ready to serve in the public interest, and has given freely of his time to many public projects. During the World War he was a member of the Massachusetts State Guard. He served in Boston during the Boston police strike.

On May 2, 1905, Alfred A. Parker married Jennie M. Bartlett of West Upton, Massachusetts. They maintain their residence in Worcester at No. 40 Midland Street.

FRANK PERLEY HALL—As chief of the Athol Fire Department, Frank Perley Hall has been instrumental in modernizing the apparatus and bringing the force to a high state of efficiency. He is also superintendent of the water department, which he has been the means of improving to its present state of healthfulness and as an adjunct of the fire-fighting system. In other public capacities also he serves the municipality and in many ways is concerned with the civic advance of the town.

The family of Hall is one of the oldest in this country. It is of English origin, and a historian in the family is responsible for the statement that one Dr. John Hall, born in 1575, married Susanna, daughter and first child of William Shakespeare, the Bard of Avon. It is said that descendants of this Dr. John Hall are to be found in many parts of the United States, among them having been scholars, statesmen, poets, artisans, and other people of note in various professions and callings. Representatives of the family came in early Colonial days to New England, and their successors were seated in Maine for generations.

Chief Hall's father, John W. Hall, came from China, Maine, to Athol in 1888 and spent the rest of his life in this town. He was a mechanic. He married Eliza Starrett.

Frank P. Hall, son of John W. and Eliza (Starrett) Hall, was born in China, Maine, August 17, 1873, and received his education in the public schools of his native State. After arriving with the family in Athol, he went to work in the mills of the Starrett Manufacturing Company, one of the largest industries in the community. He was employed by this company for thirty-two years and was foreman of his department for several years.

It was when in the Starrett Company's service that he became actively interested in the fire department. He joined the volunteer force and now for forty-one years has been continuously identified with the department. In 1909 he was appointed chief and has since filled the position, having to his credit the building up and equipping of the department to its present modern standing as a fire-fighting organization. It is declared to be the equal of any department in this section of Massachusetts. Under his command is a force of forty-seven call-men and four permanent firemen. It was in 1922 that he was chosen superintendent of the water department, having been a member of the board of water commissioners since 1913. He has been a member of

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the sewer commission since 1928. In politics he is a Republican and active in the councils of his party.

During the World War Chief Hall served as a member of the Athol Public Safety Committee and as a captain of the local unit in the Massachusetts State Guard. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, in the right of the service by his father, who enlisted from Maine and served in the United States Navy on board the ship "Rhode Island." He is affiliated with the New England, Massachusetts and National Associations of Fire Chiefs, the American Water Works Association, the New England Water Works Association, and the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, of which last-named body he is a past president.

Frank P. Hall married, November 23, 1908, Lillian E. Pero, daughter of Joseph and Susan (Benway) Pero, of Athol, in which town they have their residence at No. 111 Canal Street.

CARL S. CARLSON—At the head of an establishment in Athol that has been expanded to include for sale the full line of Ford products, Carl S. Carlson, president of Brewer and Carlson, Inc., has an experience of twenty-five years in the automotive trade and is well and favorably known not only in his line but also to the business public generally. He is active in the civic life of Athol, being a member of important fraternal organizations, and has attained a wide reputation as a trap-shooter.

Born near Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 24, 1889, Carl A. Carlson, son of Carl A. and Mary (Harling) Carlson, both of whom were natives of Sweden, received his education in the public schools of Orange, Massachusetts. After leaving school, he was employed for a time in different factories, in grocery stores and other places of business. In 1909 he began to engage in the automobile business and in 1910 united with George S. Brewer in the organization of Brewer and Carlson, Inc., successor of the Wilcox and Brewer Manufacturing Company. On the death of Mr. Brewer, Mr. Carlson became president of the corporation, and Mrs. M. L. Brewer secretary and treasurer. In 1920 the present building at No. 1665 Main Street was erected, and in it are housed all the departments of the business. The stocks are complete in all makes of Ford motor vehicles and parts, the establishment being one of the best equipped and furnished in this section of the State. Employment is provided for ten to twelve persons on an average in normal times.

Mr. Carlson is a member of the Athol Chamber of Commerce. Included in his fraternal affiliations are Athol Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Morris Council, Royal and Select Masters; Athol Commandery, Knights Templar; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Exchange Club and of gun clubs in Athol, Orange and Boston, also in Leominster, holding a life-membership in the Amateur Trapshooting Association.

Mr. Carlson married (first), in March, 1914, Helen Brewer, who has since died. The children of this marriage are: Phyllis and Robert. Mr. Carlson married (second) Sarah Twichell, of Athol, and they have a daughter, Elizabeth. Mrs. Carlson is a member of the Athol Woman's Club. The family home is at No. 1356 Main Street, Athol.

FREDERICK W. WHITE—In many ways, Frederick W. White has been one of the makers of history in Worcester County and this region of Massachusetts, where he is a banker of long standing, having served his fellow-citizens in his chosen field of work probably longer in point of years than any other banking man of the county. He is also treasurer and collector of the town of Shrewsbury.

Mr. White, who is now vice-president of the People's Savings Bank of Worcester, though he has retired from his more active participation in the bank's affairs, was born on August 1, 1859, at Millbury, Massachusetts, son of Nathan and Louisa M. (Cole) White. His father, of Whiting, Vermont, born in 1834, died in 1907, was a cabinet-maker by trade and a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served in the infantry on the side of the Union. The mother was a Massachusetts woman, born in 1836, died in 1920. The family is an old and honored one, on both paternal and maternal sides, and Mr. White is very justly proud of his "Mayflower" ancestry. Frederick W. White, of whom this is primarily a record, received his early education in the public schools and early determined to go into banking. For fifty-five years, he was connected with the People's Savings Bank of Worcester, starting his work with it in boyhood and rising through the different grades to positions of official character, and finally becoming treasurer. It was in 1931 that he retired from his active labors in the bank; and, at his retirement, he was made vice-president.

He has been long interested in the public affairs of his city and county and is treasurer and collector of the town of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, as noted above. For two years he served on Worcester's common council, of which he was for one year the president. He has without doubt given most freely and generously of his time and efforts to the advancement of conditions in his adopted city, where he is, as a result, highly esteemed bv his fellowmen.

He is also a member of several civic, social and fraternal bodies. He has memberships in the Shrewsbury Club, the Boston City Club, and the Commonwealth Club; and, in the Free and Accepted Masons, is a Past Master of his lodge, as well as of the M. J. Whittall Lodge, of Shrewsbury, and a holder of the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Frederick W. White married (first) Cora P. Bagley, now deceased, and (second), in 1916, Marian Churchill. By the second marriage there have been four children: 1. Frederick W., Jr., born on July 24, 1917. 2. Howard B., born on December 4, 1918. 3. Cynthia, born on March 4, 1921. 4. Priscilla, born on December 26, 1923.

JOHN WOODWARD ABBOTT, M. D.—In Worcester County one of the well-known members of the medical profession is Dr. John Woodward Abbott, medical director of the Massachusetts Protective Association, Inc.; also of the Massachusetts Protective Life Assurance Company and of the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company of Worcester.

Dr. John W. Abbott was born in Lewiston, Maine, October 2, 1882, son of Lyman Frye Abbott, a native of Andover, Maine, who was agricultural editor of the "Lewiston Journal," Lewiston, Maine, to the time of his death at the age of sixty-six, and of Juliet (Woodward) Abbott, who was born in Wilton, Maine, and is now eighty-seven years of age. Both parents were members of the Congregational Church. Lyman F. Abbott was a son of Nathaniel Abbott who was born in Andover, Massachusetts. Nathaniel Abbott was a member of one of the pioneer families there and later became a pioneer himself, assisting in the settlement of Andover, Maine. Lyman F. and Juliet (Woodward) Abbott had but one child, Dr. John W. Abbott. Dr. Abbott was reared in Lewiston, Maine, and after graduating from Lewiston High School entered Bates College, at Lewiston, from which he was graduated in 1905 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then matriculated in the medical school of Harvard University, where he completed his medical course in 1910, graduating with the class of that year and receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After serving an interneship of eighteen months in the Hartford General Hospital at Hartford, Connecticut, he received an appointment as examiner in New York City for the Travelers Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. One year later he was made medical director of the Germania Life Insurance Company (now the Guardian Life Insurance Company of America) at New York City and there he remained for a period of five years. His next position was with the Maryland Assurance Corporation of Baltimore, Maryland, a new life insurance company—a subsidiary of the Maryland Casualty Company, in which connection he served as medical director of the Maryland Assurance Corporation and chief surgeon of the Maryland Casualty Company until 1924, when he came to Worcester as medical director of the Massachusetts Protective Life Assurance Company, holding the same position in the Massachusetts Protective Association, Inc., and in the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company, all of Worcester.

A man of unfailing courtesy and genial disposition, Dr. Abbott has won the high regard of all with whom he has been associated, both professionally and socially. He is a member of the District and State Medical societies and a Fellow of the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Club, the Worcester Country Club, the Harvard Club of Worcester, the Economic Club, and the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. His Masonic affiliations are with Ashlar Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Lewiston, Maine, and his religious affiliations are with the Congregational Church.

Dr. Abbott's first marriage was to Grace Stuart of Ottawa, Canada, on January 20, 1913. Mrs. Abbott died after a brief illness in September, 1922. His second marriage was to Mary E. Hoblitzell of Baltimore, Maryland, on December 1, 1924. Dr. and Mrs. Abbott make their home at No. 53 Elm Street, and the doctor has his offices at No. 18 Chestnut Street, Worcester.

JUDGE ALLAN GORDON BUTTRICK—Since 1924, the Hon. Allan Gordon Buttrick has served as judge of the Second District Court of Eastern Worcester County. He is a lawyer of long experience and a public official of distinguished record, both on the bench and in the various other offices to which he has been called.

Judge Buttrick was born at Fitchburg, March 16, 1876, a son of Daniel W. and Sarah P. (Cameron) Wood. His father, who was born in this State, was a wood turner by occupation. His mother was a native of Canada. In 1881, when he was four years old, Judge Buttrick was adopted by George T. and Ellen M. Buttrick, farmers of Lancaster, and was reared in their home. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Lancaster, completing the high school course there in 1892. Subsequently he entered Boston University Law School, where he received his professional training and from which he was graduated in June, 1897, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the same month and year he was admitted to the bar and began the active practice of law at Clinton. Four years later, in 1901, he formed a partnership with Orra L. Stone under the firm name of Buttrick and Stone and so continued until 1904. In 1907 Judge Buttrick opened offices in Boston, but still continued his Clinton office. Meanwhile he had made substantial progress in his profession and had entered upon his career in public life. Elected moderator of the town of Lancaster in 1898, he has continued to fill this office during the past thirty-six years. He was a member of the board of health, served as school committeeman and as selectman for twelve years, and in 1904 was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he was a member of the committee on street railways and towns. In 1906 and 1907 he was a member of the Massachusetts State Senate and during this period was a member of the Senate committees on street railways, insurance, legal affairs, liquor law, and chairman of the recess committees on Sunday laws and on insurance. His sincerity and ability made a deep impression upon his colleagues and his opinions were always received with profound respect. In 1908 Judge Buttrick served as a presidential elector of his party in this State and in 1917 was chosen as a member of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention. In 1924 he was appointed judge of the Second District Court of Eastern Worcester County at Clinton, an office for which he was well qualified through his specific legal attainments and long experience in the public service.

Judge Buttrick has since continued on the bench. He is a member of the District Court Division of the Superior Court, sitting in criminal cases. Judge Buttrick is also a member of the American Bar Association, the Worcester County Bar Association and the Boston Bar Association. Apart from his professional connections, he is a prominent Mason, being a member of all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Unitarian Church. Judge Buttrick is fond of outdoor life. He is an enthusiastic fisherman and hunter and a target shooter of considerable attainments.

On September 26, 1906, Allan Gordon Buttrick married Edith G. Ward, of Lancaster, daughter of Richard and Fannie A. (Andrews) Ward. Mrs. Buttrick passed away June 15, 1933. The family residence is in Lancaster.

HARRY A. BANCROFT—Territory embracing the northwestern part of Worcester County and Franklin County is covered by the Bancroft Candy Company, of Athol, of which concern Harry A. Bancroft is the founder and president. This business has been developed to a considerable extent in the ten or more years that it has been operating. Mr. Bancroft has a wide experience in the trade, antedating his entry into business in Athol many years.

The Bancroft family is one of the oldest in New England. The surname, when brought to this country in 1638, was spelled Banshatt. John Banchatt came at the age of fourteen from England. John Bancroft, immigrant ancestor, died, either on his voyage to this country or shortly after his arrival, and his widow was granted land at Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1638. Their only known child, Thomas (1), born in England in 1623-24, came in the ship "Bevis," in May, 1638, to live with his mother. He was in Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1647, when he married Alice Bacon, who died the following year. He married (second) Elizabeth Metcalf. He died intestate in 1691, possessed of considerable property. His widow died in 1716. The line of descent is through his son, Thomas (2), a soldier in King Philip's War, selectman and leading citizen of Reading, Massachusetts, and Sarah Pool, his wife; their son, Captain Thomas (3), and Mary Webster, his wife; their son, Thomas (4), and Lydia Dean, his wife; their son, Moses, one of the early settlers of Sutton, Worcester County, and May Wiley, his first wife; their son, Captain Joseph, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and Hannah Taintor, his wife; their son, Moses; his son, John Austin; and his son, Moses Jerome, of whom further.

Moses Jerome Bancroft lived in Phillipston, Massachusetts, where he was a farmer, a quiet reserved, God-fearing man. He married Martha Cummings, and they had children: 1. Lorey, who went West and was a farmer; he died in South Dakota. 2. Hiram A., of whom further. Moses Jerome Bancroft died in Phillipston at an advanced age.

Hiram A. Bancroft was born in Phillipston. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in the Civil War and served four years. He was a farmer the rest of his life. He died in 1904. His wife was Elizabeth M. Moore. Their children: 1. Varney, an associate of his brother, Harry A., in the Bancroft Candy Company. 2. Harry A., of whom further.

Harry A. Bancroft, son of Hiram A. and Elizabeth M. (Moore) Bancroft, was born in Athol, February 1, 1878, and received his education in the public schools of this town. After leaving school he entered a shoe factory where he was employed for eight years, being a shoecutter for seven years. His next occupation was as a clerk in a grocery, which he followed for nine years. He then entered the employ of the Kibbe Brothers Company, manufacturers of candy, in Springfield. During the ten years he was with that concern he was a traveling salesman and made a wide acquaintance among the trade. In March, 1922, he came to Athol and established the Bancroft Candy Company, this being at the time a co-partnership, with George J. Laflamme as the other member. In October, 1930, they decided to incorporate the business and were granted a charter for the Bancroft Candy Company, Inc., with a capital stock of $20,000. Mr. Bancroft is president and treasurer and gives his undivided attention to the management of the business. Mr. Laflamme is vice-president. The headquarters of the company are at No. 578 South Street. They carry complete lines of confectioners' specialties, making their leader the well-known Kibbe candies. They are represented in their territory by three traveling salesmen.

Mr. Bancroft is active in Athol civic affairs, affiliating with the Rotary Club; Athol Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Tully Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Athol Country Club.

Harry A. Bancroft married Leah Hamel, the daughter of Joseph Hamel, of Athol. Their children are: 1. Glenn A., who is associated with his father in the capacity of a clerk; married Vera McLain. 2. Marian, married Hiram Young, of Athol, and has children, Joan and Gerald. 3. Marjorie L. Mrs. Bancroft is active in the affairs of the Daughters of Rebekah (Odd Fellows) and Order of the Eastern Star. The family residence is at No. 84 Grove Street, Athol.

HARRY W. BROWN—During seventeen active years of practice at Whitinsville, Worcester County, Massachusetts, Harry W. Brown has risen to an important position at the local bar. He enjoys a distinguished reputation, not only as an able attorney and counsellor but as a public servant whose efforts in responsible offices have been of great value to the community.

Mr. Brown was born in Whitinsville on January 11, 1887, a son of Andrew J. and Martha (King) Brown. His father, who was born in the North of Ireland on August 1, 1840 and died at Whitinsville in 1914, was a machinist by occupation. He was foreman for a number of years of the White Machine Works here. Martha (King) Brown, the mother, was born at St. John, New Brunswick, on February 3, 1853.

Harry W. Brown received his preliminary education in Whitinsville public schools, subsequently attending Monson Academy near Springfield, Massachusetts, and Bates College, where he was a student for two years. Thereafter he entered Boston University Law School, from which he was graduated in 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In October of the same year he was admitted to the bar, and opened offices in Whitinsville, where he has since been engaged in practice. Mr. Brown's thorough training, his industry and native ability enabled him to build up a large clientele. He has been retained in many important cases and his continued success at the bar has given him an ever-widening reputation. From the beginning of his career, he has been active in fields of public service. For ten years Mr. Brown was town solicitor, administering the duties of that office with conspicuous success. For six years he was assistant district attorney, and for six years a member of the Northbridge School Committee, serving with equal fidelity and success. He was also formerly secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce. During the World War he was chairman of the legal advisory board rendering legal services to the Whitinsville Draft Board. Few men have been more active in the civic life of the community and the high quality of his citizenship has been demonstrated on many occasions.

Mr. Brown has also been much interested in athletics and is a member of the Athletic Commission here. He is a member of the State and County Bar associations, the Boston University Law School Association and the University Club of Boston. Fraternally he is affiliated with Granite Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Milford Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Eureka Lodge, Knights of Pythias; and Patrons of Husbandry. In the Masonic Order he is also a member of Aletheia Grotto at Worcester.

On June 15, 1918, Harry W. Brown married Sarah H. McGaw, daughter of Benjamin A. and Mary (Galvin) McGaw of Northbridge. They have four children: 1. Thurston King, born April 5, 1919. 2. Norma, born March 31, 1920. 3. Barbara, born March 31, 1921. 4. Harry W., Jr., born July 10, 1928.

VICTOR J. JOHNSON—Born in Sweden, December 16, 1872, Victor J. Johnson came to this country and settled in Worcester in 1890. His trade, which is the making of musical instruments, he had followed in the homeland after leaving the public schools. He still pursued this line in his new environment until 1909, in which year he engaged in business for himself. In addition to the making of musical instruments, he manufactures air motors, supply parts, etc, being regarded as an expert in wind instruments. The business increased steadily, and in 1912 it was incorporated under the style of the Worcester Wind Motor Company. From a site on Commercial Street, Worcester, the first location, the business was removed to Bartlett Street, thence, in 1927, to its present quarters at No. 35 Lagrange Street. Here it occupies 10,000 square feet of floor space, and employment is provided for thirty people. The line of products has been expanded to include what is known as "Occasional Furniture," or small furniture, which constitutes a considerable portion of the output. Mr. Johnson takes a commendable pride in this business, in which he has been gratifyingly successful. He is also head of the Viko Shoe Company, which is likewise in a prosperous condition.

This company was organized in 1922, as a partnership arrangement between Victor J. Johnson and C. O. Lindberg. The business was later incorporated under the style of its present title, with the officers: Victor J. Johnson, president and treasurer; C. O. Lindberg, vice-president; H. P. Johnson, assistant treasurer and clerk. The concern manufactures women's "Comfort" shoes and ships its product all over the United States and to several foreign countries. Its factory in Worcester has floor space of about 10,000 square feet, where one hundred and fifteen hands are employed. These two companies, in which Mr. Johnson fills the offices of president and treasurer, contribute to the commercial and industrial prestige of Worcester.

Mr. Johnson is a member and one of the elders of the Salem Square Congregational Church, Worcester, and is actively interested in the work of this congregation. He is also a charter member of the Fairlawn Hospital.

Mr. Johnson married Matilda J. Lindberg, of Worcester, and their children are: 1. Helmer P. Johnson, born in Worcester, December 2, 1892; educated in the public schools and Worcester Polytechnic institute, class of 1920, degree of Civil Engineer. He is associated with his father in business. During the World War he trained at Plattsburg and received a commission as second lieutenant, which rank he held when honorably discharged at Camp Grant in 1918. He is affiliated with Alpha Tau Omega (college fraternity) and a member of the Salem Square Congregational Church. He married, in 1923, Evelyn L. Hedlund, a native of Worcester, and they have a son, Benjamin A., born December 11, 1928. 2. Ebba M., married Clifford Lundin. 3. Lillian V., married Herbert Nelson. 4. Ethel J., married Eric Peterson. 5. Olive M.

HENRY AUGUSTUS HOVEY—Four generations of the Hovey family have been prominently associated with the business life and development of Worcester. Records disclose that the American progenitor of the family was Daniel Hovey, born in England, in 1618, who came to the Massachusetts Colony in 1633 and was one of the proprietors of Ipswich in 1636. He went to Brookfield in 1668, remaining until the place was abandoned during King Philip's War, when he removed to Hadley, but eventually returned to Ipswich where he died on April 24, 1692. His original house remained standing until 1894 when it was destroyed by fire.

The first Daniel Hovey married Abigail Andrews, daughter of Robert Andrews, one of the first tavern keepers of Ipswich. They were the parents of James Hovey, Sr., born about 1650, who was the father of James Hovey, Jr., born at Brookfield in 1674, later a resident of Malden, a veteran of the French and Indian Wars, and a prisoner in 1710-11. He was the father of Daniel Hovey, Sr., born in Malden, December 7, 1710, who settled in Mansfield, Connecticut, where he married Elizabeth Slap, and they were the parents of Daniel Hovey, Jr., soldier of the Revolutionary War, a prisoner for nine months in Canada, and one of the group of Connecticut pioneers who founded Plainfield, New Hampshire. Daniel and Keziah Hovey were the parents of William Hovey, born in Plainfield, New Hampshire, in 1786, who died in Worcester, Massachusetts, September 4, 1855. He was the first of the family in Worcester, where he was one of the leaders of the community in affairs civic, commercial and social. William Hovey married, February 27, 1812, Prudence A. Whitney, who died in Worcester, July 2, 1872. They were the parents of eight children, including James Hovey, born in Worcester, January 8, 1824, who died there on October 4, 1860. He married Mary Johnson, of Worcester.

The only child of James and Mary (Johnson) Hovey, the late Henry Augustus Hovey, was born in Worcester, February 14, 1850, and was educated in the city schools. For a time he was associated with his father in business, but for the most part he made his own way in life and achieved his own career. For a full third of a century he was the proprietor of a café at No. 20 Mechanic Street, Worcester, which served all the purposes of a club, in a day when clubs were novelties but men foregathered nevertheless. For a generation he and his establishment was the rendezvous for the men of the city interested in athletics, sports and games, where good fellowship reigned. His was also a period in which volunteer fire service had not yet been displaced altogether by a paid

Henry P. Hovey

G. Russell Horey

force of fire fighters, and Mr. Hovey was prominent in these volunteer organizations and actively interested in the parades, competitions and hose-cart races which were also a feature of the gay "'Nineties."

As a young man, Mr. Hovey was affiliated with most of the fraternal societies of Worcester, but at the time of his death was a member only of Damascus Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He joined the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Rhode Island and was also prominent in the Worcester Continentals. Without the blare of trumpets he was a thoroughly public-spirited man who contributed a full quota to the prosperity and happiness of the city of which he was very proud. His friends were legion, and his personal charities went far beyond what even those, who knew him best, realized. Upon his death, on December 22, 1916, he was sincerely mourned and many tributes were paid to his fine traits of character.

On May 5, 1875, Henry Augustus Hovey married Ava Gertrude Parsons, daughter, of George and Abigail Prescott (Russell) Parsons, and they were the parents of two sons: 1. Henry Prescott Hovey, born at Worcester, Massachusetts, February 24, 1881. 2. George Russell Hovey, born September 1, 1883. Both are graduates of the grade and high schools of the city, and early in life combined forces in a partnership that established the well-known Hovey Laundry, an outstanding industrial concern. Henry Prescott Hovey, on January 10, 1903, married Ethel Mary Howland, daughter of Lucius Howland, a descendant of John Howland, passenger on the "Mayflower." George Russell Hovey married on January 20, 1905, Julia Blanche Anderson, daughter of Emil A. Anderson, of Worcester.

Mrs. Ava Gertrude (Parsons) Hovey is the great-granddaughter of John Parsons, the granddaughter of Eber Parsons, and the daughter of George Parsons, who on December 25, 1849, in Worcester, married Abigail Prescott Russell, born November 12, 1824. George Parsons, according to an earlier biographer, was born in Sutton in 1826; was for many years overseer at the penitentiary at Rochester, New York, and afterward traveling salesman for the Elwanger and Barry nurseries of Rochester, New York. He served in Company D, 15th Massachusetts Regiment, died of disease contracted in the service, at the Fairfax Soldiers' Hospital, January 8, 1863, and was buried in the Soldiers' Cemetery at Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons had two daughters, Ava Gertrude, mentioned above, and Ida Estelle, born July 5, 1851, who married (first) George Warren Howe and (second), in February, 1887, Elbridge F. Russell, of Chicago. Mrs. Parsons built the Russell block at the corner of Austin and Irving streets, and was a very active and capable business woman. Before her death, in 1914, she gave a memorial window to the Baptist Church at Stafford, Connecticut, where members of her family have attended church for more than a century. In memory of her mother, Mrs. Hovey presented to the Old South Church of this city a pulpit set for the vestry.

Through the Russell ancestry, Mrs. Hovey was descended from one of the most distinguished families of the old Massachusetts Bay Colony. Her mother was a daughter of Jason Russell, born March 2, 1785, died February 23, 1869, a merchant in Arlington and later a farmer in Stafford, Connecticut. He married Elizabeth Thorpe, whose father, Thomas Thorpe, served in the Revolution. Noah Russell, father of Jason Russell, was born at Arlington, March 8, 1763. Jason Russell, father of Noah Russell, was born January 25, 1716-17, and was slain by the British after the battle of Lexington. In his memory a handsome granite monument has been erected at Arlington, inscribed: "Mr. Jason Russell was barbarously murdered in his own house by Gage's bloody troops on 19th April 1775, aged 50. His body is quietly resting in this grave with eleven of our friends who in like manner with many others were cruelly slain on that fatal day. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." A large granite obelisk erected later bears the following inscription: "Erected by the inhabitants of West Cambridge A. D. 1848 over the common grave of Jason Russell, Jason Winship, Jabez Wyman and nine others who were slain in this town by the British troops on their retreat from the battles of Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775. Being among the first to lay down their lives in the struggle for American Independence." The site of the Russell house has been marked by a tablet. Jason Russell married Elizabeth Winship. He was a son of Hubbard Russell, grandson of Jason Russell, and great-grandson of William Russell, the pioneer, who was an early settler and perhaps the foremost citizen of Cambridge in his day. He was born and married in England.

HENRY PRESCOTT HOVEY—GEORGE RUSSELL HOVEY—Two of the able and successful business men of Worcester are Henry Prescott Hovey and George Russell Hovey, brothers, who began their career as proprietors of a modern laundry, when Henry Prescott Hovey was nineteen years of age and his brother was seventeen. The older brother is now president and the younger secretary and treasurer of the Hovey Laundry Company, one of the largest and best equipped laundry plants in New England.

On both the paternal and maternal sides the brothers trace descent from fine old Colonial families. Daniel (1) Hovey, founder of the Hovey family in New England, came, in 1633, from England to Ipswich, Massachusetts, where he lived in a house which stood until 1894, when it was destroyed by fire. In 1668 he removed to Brookfield, but when that town was abandoned during King Philip's War, he returned to Ipswich, where he died, April 24, 1692. He married Abigail Andrews, daughter of Robert Andrews, one of the first tavern keepers of Ipswich, and from them the line descends through their son James (1), born about 1650, who settled with his father and brothers in Brookfield and was killed by Indians during King Philip's War; his son James (2), born in Brookfield, in 1674, who settled in Malden, where he was a deacon in the church and prominent in public affairs, a soldier in the French and Indian wars and taken prisoner in 1710-11; his son Daniel (2), born at Malden, December 7, 1710, who settled in Mansfield, Connecticut, with his five brothers and married Elizabeth Slap of that town; their son Daniel (3), who lived at Mansfield until about 1775, when he settled in the town of Plainfield, New Hampshire, served in the Revolutionary War, was taken prisoner, October 10, 1781, kept in Canada by the British for nine

months, and married Keziah; their son William, born at Plainfield, New Hampshire, in 1786, who came to Worcester, Massachusetts, as a young man and engaged in business as a manufacturer of plows. He was the first of the family to settle in this city and became the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch.

William Hovey was a man of exceptional ability. In his factory, which was located about a mile south of the Common, he installed a carding machine and in October, 1816, he admitted George March to partnership and began the manufacture of woolen cloth. By 1828 he was making shears and straw cutters in a building on the site of the old Court Mills. He had as early as 1811, invented a shearing machine called the Ontario Machine, designed to be operated either by hand or water power, and in 1812 he designed another machine which could shear two hundred yards of broadcloth in a day. In 1828 he stopped making satinet shearing machines, but continued to make broad and cassimere shearing machines and also metallic grinding machines for keeping the shearing machines in order. Meantime, in 1823, he had taken William H. Howard into partnership and soon they began to make broad power looms. In a short time the partnership was dissolved and each partner kept on manufacturing the looms, but in later years Mr. Hovey was senior partner in the firm of Hovey and Lazell, manufacturing straw cutters in the old Merrifield Building. A man of great inventive ability, shrewd in business, William Hovey was, in his day, one of the leading manufacturers of Worcester. His home at the corner of Main and Front streets was later known as the Bradley Place. He married, in Worcester, February 27, 1812, Prudence A. Whitney, who died in Worcester, July 2, 1872, and they became the parents of eight children, seven sons and one daughter. Among the sons was James Hovey, born in Worcester, January 8, 1824, died there October 4, 1860, who was associated with his father in business. He married Mary Johnson, of Worcester, and their only child was Henry Augustus, of further mention.

Henry Augustus Hovey was born in Worcester, February 14, 1850, and died there December 22, 1916. For thirty-three years he was in business in Worcester as proprietor of a cafe at No. 20 Mechanic Street, a cafe which in the earlier days, before the organization of the best clubs, was a meeting place for men interested in sports and athletics. A man of public spirit and enterprise, he was deeply interested in the fire department and in his younger days was a member of many fraternal orders. He married, May 5, 1875, Ava Gertrude Parsons, daughter of George and Abigail Prescott (Russell) Parsons, and they had two sons, Henry Prescott Hovey and George Russell Hovey, of further mention.

George Parsons, father of Mrs. Hovey, who was born in Sutton, Massachusetts, in 1826, was for many years superintendent of the Penitentiary at Rochester, New York, and later was traveling representative of the Elwanger and Barry nurseries of Rochester. He served in the Civil War, with Company D, 15th Massachusetts Regiment, died of a disease contracted in service at the Fairfax Soldiers' Hospital, January 8, 1863, and was buried in the Soldiers' Cemetery at Alexandria, Virginia. His wife, Abigail Prescott (Russell) Parsons, whom he married December 25, 1849, is, through the Russell ancestry, descended from one of the most distinguished families of the old Massachusetts Bay Colony. The line is traced from William Russell, born and married in England, who came to this country and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts; his son Jason; his son Hubbard; his son Jason, born January 25, 1716-17, who was slain by the British after the battle of Lexington and in whose honor a granite monument has been erected in Arlington and another at West Cambridge, married Eliazbeth Winship; their son Noah, born at Arlington, Massachusetts, March 8, 1763; his son Jason, born March 2, 1785, died February 23, 1869, who was a merchant in Arlington and later a farmer in Stafford, Connecticut, and married Elizabeth Thorpe, whose father, Thomas Thorpe, was a soldier of the Revolution; their daughter, Abigail Prescott Russell, married George Parsons, and they became the parents of Ava Gertrude Parsons, who married Henry Augustus Hovey and had two sons, Henry Prescott Hovey and George Russell Hovey, proprietors of the Hovey Laundry Company.

Henry Prescott Hovey, son of Henry Augustus and Ava Gertrude (Parsons) Hovey, was born in Worcester, February 24, 1881, and received his education in the public schools of Worcester, graduating from the English High School in 1900. As a boy he was active and enterprising and before entering high school had, in partnership with a boy friend, established newspaper routes, handling the "Spy and Gazette" and the "Telegram." When he entered high school he sold both routes, having meantime purchased his partner's interest. Before completing his high school course he had decided upon his field of business activity and he spent several months learning the business in the plant of his uncle, the owner of the Parsons Laundries. In 1900, when he was nineteen years of age he established the Hovey Laundry at No. 2 Fruit Street.

George R. (G. Russell) Hovey, brother of Henry Prescott Hovey, was born in Worcester, September 2, 1883, and graduated from the English High School there in 1901. At the age of seventeen he became associated with his brother, Henry Prescott, mentioned above, in the establishment of the laundry business at No. 2 Fruit Street, and has been associated with him in the business ever since. Like his brother, he inherits unusual ability and has been untiring in forwarding the interests of the Hovey Laundry business and in the promotion of their other interests.

The young men began their business in a small way, but both were hard workers and possessed exceptional business ability. Within five years the modest quarters on Fruit Street had become too small to accommodate the rapidly growing business, which, at that time, employed twenty-five people. In 1905 land was purchased at No. 41 Austin Street and a fine building, forty-five feet square and carefully adapted to the needs of the business, was erected. From the beginning, the young men had installed new and strictly modern equipment, and they rigidly held to a standard of only first class work. When the new building was finished they made the change from the old to the new in three days, without interrupting business in any way; and with larger space and new machinery operated by electric motors, they found

themselves equipped for a much larger volume of business. Through the years the brothers have continued the constructive work they began so early, always keeping abreast of the latest and most scientific methods of handling the family wash and installing from time to time new equipment and new methods of collecting, handling, and distributing. The original building has been much enlarged, and in 1928 a building extending through to Chandler Street was completed, four stories high and fitted with the latest in laundry machinery and equipment and housing also the offices. The Hovey brothers' laundry business has grown to proportions which now require the services of three hundred employees and forty trucks for collection and delivery, patronage being drawn not only from all over the city, but also from the surrounding region within a radius of twenty-five miles.

As the business has increased the brothers have invested wisely and safely and at the present time they have, in addition to their extensive laundry plant, which is one of the finest in New England, an entire block of apartments, of which there are one hundred, ranging from three to six rooms each. In 1922 the brothers built in the rear of this building a service station, which now handles a large business in gas, oil, and auto supplies of all kinds. An early start, untiring energy, and business ability of a high order have brought to the Hovey brothers a well-earned success, and both brothers are held in high esteem among their many business and fraternal associates. Both are members of the Worcester Laundry Owners' Association, which Henry Prescott Hovey has served as president for many years; the Massachusetts Laundry Owners Association, of which he is a past president; of the National Laundry Owners Association, of which he is a past first vice-president; the Employers Association, of which he is a past president; and the Worcester Advertising Club, of which he is a past president. The brothers are also members of Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and both hold life memberships in all the Masonic bodies, both York and Scottish Rite. Both are also members of Central Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Worcester Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Worcester Commercial Travelers Association; Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, both Worcester and Massachusetts clubs; Worcester Country Club; and Worcester Safety Council. Their religious affiliation is with the Old South Congregational Church.

Henry Prescott Hovey married, January 10, 1903, Ethel Mary Howland, daughter of Lucius Henry Howland, a descendant of John Howland, who came to this country in the "Mayflower." Mr. and Mrs. Hovey have one of the most beautiful homes in the State, located at Shrewsbury.

George Russell Hovey married, January 20, 1905, Blanche Anderson, daughter of Emil Anderson. They make their home on Austin Street, Worcester.

LEON E. SEEKINS—Since 1929, Leon E. Seekins has been vice-president and general manager of the Worcester Electric Light Company of Worcester, bringing to his service with this company a wealth of experience and a record for accomplishment which he has continued. Mr. Seekins was born on October 22, 1890, at St. Albans, Somerset County, Maine, a son of William T. and Gertrude M. (Parker) Seekins. His father has been clerk of courts in Somerset County for thirty years.

Leon E. Seekins was educated in the public schools at Skowhegan, Maine, and subsequently entered the University of Maine, from which he was graduated in 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His entire active career has been devoted to the electrical utilities field. Starting at Lowell, Massachusetts, he here laid the foundation for his broad knowledge of utilities operations. Later he was associated with an electric light and power company at Sydney, Nova Scotia, returning after a number of years to Lowell. Finally, in 1929, he came to Worcester as vice-president and general manager of the Worcester Electric Light Company, which position he has since held.

The Worcester Electric Light Company is one of the oldest electric service companies in the State of Massachusetts. It was organized at a meeting held on December 26, 1883, at which Theodore C. Bates presided as chairman and Charles B. Whitney as clerk. The purpose of the company, as set forth by its organizers, was to supply electric light, power and heat, in the city of Worcester. The capital of the company was set at $100,000 with stock to be issued at $100 par value. The board of directors of the new company were Stephen Salisbury, Thomas M. Rogers, Loring Coes, Theodore C. Bates, William A. Denholm, Samuel Winslow, Samuel E. Hildreth, N. S. Liscomb, Charles B. Whiting, Josiah Pickett and A. B. R. Sprague. Charles B. Whitney was made treasurer of the company and clerk of the board of directors at a meeting on December 29th. Thomas M. Rogers was elected president. The final incorporation of the company was effected February 1, 1884.

The first annual meeting of stockholders was held on January 9, 1885. Officers and directors elected were the same as at the organization of the company with the exception of the treasurer, Charles B. Whitney, who had been replaced by H. H. Fairbanks at a directors' meeting on December 2, 1884. On January 25, 1884, President Rogers, Charles B. Whitney and Theodore C. Bates were elected by the directors as an executive committee to conduct the business of the company. The first president, Thomas M. Rogers, served from 1883 to 1898. He was succeeded by A. B. R. Sprague, who was chief executive of the company from 1898 to 1910. George T. Dewey was president for the remainder of the year 1910, and he was followed by R. W. Rollins, who served from 1911 to 1929. Present executive officers of the company are as follows: Frank D. Comerford, chairman of the board of directors; Samuel C. Moore, president; W. C. Bell, vice-president; C. S. Herrmann, treasurer; L. E. Seekins, vice-president and general manager; and F. H. Smith, vice-president and assistant general manager. In January, 1929, the Worcester Electric Light Company became a part of the New England Power Association. The number of employees had grown from twenty-eight in 1890 to four hundred in 1929 at the time of the purchase by the New England Power Association.

The first generating equipment of the company was installed in the basement of the Worcester Corset Company in the rear of No. 560 Main

Street. It consisted of eight 25 arc light machines of Thomson-Houston manufacture, equal to approximately 200 HP. The charge for service was seventy cents per light per night or from dusk to eleven P. M. In April, 1886, incandescent lamp type of lighting was introduced. A separate generator or dynamo of 400 light capacity was then installed for this service.

During the latter part of 1886 and the early part of 1887, a building was erected on leased land. In this building, facing on High Street between Chatham and Austin streets, were installed thirteen arc light machines and two incandescent light machines. By 1889 the company was obliged to enlarge its generating facilities and purchased 60,000 square feet of land bordering on Salisbury Pond and fronting on Faraday Street, from Stephen Salisbury in June, 1889. Construction of the new building, 255 feet long and 75 feet wide, was started on this property in July of the same year. The building was completed and the equipment installed and in operation by 1890, and the annual stockholders meeting was held there January 14, 1891. The new building became known as the Faraday Street Station. The original installation consisted of two Corliss engines totalling 900 HP., seventeen 25 light arc machines and two incandescent light machines of approximately one thousand 20 C. P. light capacity each. From 1890 to 1911 the equipment at Faraday Street was in continual process of replacement and expansion. The total capacity had increased to approximately 5,000 HP. By 1910 it became apparent that the Faraday Street Station was no longer adequate to meet requirements, and a new site, known as the Curtis Pond Mill property on Webster Street, was acquired. A contract was entered into with the Westinghouse Engineering Company to build and equip a new, modern power station on this site of approximately 10,000 HP. capacity. Generating equipment consisted of three 2,500 K. W. steam turbines.

In January, 1932, the company was serving approximately 55,000 customers, located in the city of Worcester and the towns of Leicester and Rochdale. It serves territory containing approximately thirty-eight and a half square miles in the city of Worcester alone. Approximately sixteen square miles of this area is covered by a modern underground conduit and cable system.

As vice-president and general manager of the company, Mr. Seekins is in direct charge of all operations and has guided its affairs in a very successful way. He is also a director of several other subsidiary companies of the New England Power Association. Apart from his business connections, he has been active in the social life of the city since coming to Worcester in 1929 and is well known in community affairs. Mr. Seekins is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Worcester Country Club, the Rotary Club, the Commonwealth Club, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and of several other clubs and organizations. In religious faith he is a member of the Universalist Church.

In 1916, Leon E. Seekins married Hazel R. Holden of Maine. They are the parents of two children: 1. Rebecca Elizabeth, born September 5, 1917. 2. John William, born October 6, 1919.

EDWARD G. FITZHENRY—The automobile sales business has been developed to large proportions by the FitzHenry Cadillac Company in Worcester and the FitzHenry Chevrolet Company. He came to this city with a large experience obtained in connection with the motors industry in Boston and has since built up a large clientage in Worcester County.

Mr. FitzHenry was born in Medford, December 25, 1893, the son of Charles L. and Julianne (Burke) FitzHenry. His father was a native of Portland, Oregon, and the mother of England; the former was engaged in the leather manufacturing business in Boston for many years and is now retired. The son, Edward G., received his education in the Medford public schools and at the Stone School in Boston, concluding with a course at Cloyne College, Newport, Rhode Island. As a member of the FitzHenry and Guptill Company, he engaged in the manufacture of engines, power sprayers and pumps at Cambridge, Massachusetts, for four years. In 1917 he enlisted for the World War and was assigned to the Northern Bombing Group in the Aviation Department. He went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces and for a part of the time was loaned to the British, being given charge of the transportation details at Calais, France. Under special orders, or on detached service, he was on duty until the signing of the Armistice. He then took a number of men from the old Northern Bombing Group and installed them as aids to the Belgium Relief Commission, which was operating under the direction of Herbert Hoover at Lille. Honorably mustered out of the service, in March, 1919, he returned to the United States and again entered civil life.

Mr. FitzHenry became an associate of the Boston Cadillac Company, Boston, advancing to the position of general sales manager. In 1928 he resigned his Boston connection and came to Worcester, where he established the FitzHenry Cadillac Company at No. 231 Shrewsbury Street. Here the company occupies a large building, having 2,500 square feet of floor space, ample and beautiful show windows and salesrooms, and operates a service station. Employment is provided for a force of about fifty persons. In the fall of 1932 Mr. FitzHenry took over the distribution of the Chevrolet car. Besides the Cadillac and Chevrolet, he handles the LaSalle car in Worcester, and in Fitchburg he is the distributor of the Cadillac, LaSalle, Pontiac, and Oldsmobile cars. He is treasurer of Fitchburg Motors, Inc., and president and treasurer of the FitzHenry Cadillac Company and the FitzHenry Chevrolet Company. He has made a very large success of his motor sales establishments. He is also president and treasurer of the East Park Realty Corporation and a member of the Vesper Country Club and Worcester Country Club. His principal recreation is golf, in which sport he often indulges on his favorite links.

Mr. FitzHenry married, June 25, 1919, Miriam Louise Bicknell, of Malden. They have their residence at No. 13 Montvale Road, Worcester.

HAROLD H. CLEMENCE—Among the best known and successful men engaged in the selling of the old line of life insurance is Harold H. Clemence of Worcester. He is special agent of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, for which he has placed a large volume of insurance

among gratified policyholders in this section of the State.

Born in Worcester, May 2, 1898, Mr. Clemence is a son of George A. and Alice L. (Marcy) Clemence; the former a native of Oxford, Massachusetts, and a manufacturer, died in 1915; the mother was born in this State also. After passing through the local public schools Harold H. Clemence entered Clark University, where he completed his formal education and where he joined the Students' Army Training Corps during the World War. Not long after leaving the university, he determined to make life insurance his main endeavor of life. Familiarizing himself with the principles and methods of solicitation, he finally became a member of the staff of the Union Central life Insurance Company, a well and favorably known Ohio organization. He seemed naturally adapted to this line of work and, after passing through his novitiate, he had little difficulty in representing his company successfully to accepted prospects. As time went on, he sold an increasingly large volume of insurance, until in this respect he is one of the highest ranking men in the profession hereabouts. He is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Kappa Phi Fraternity, a member of a number of local clubs, and a follower of the Protestant faith.

Mr. Clemence married, in 1928, Mildred I. Swanson, a native of this State, and their children are: 1. Arthur S., born December 14, 1930. 2. Gail M., born May 22, 1932. Mr. Clemence has his business address at No. 332 Main Street, and his residence at No. 288 Lowell Street, Worcester.

SIGURD I. SIMENSON—In his many years of experience as a department store merchant, Sigurd I. Simenson acquired the broad background of knowledge and a familiarity with the operations of an enterprise of this type which well qualify him for his present responsibilities. He is now sole owner of the old A. G. Williams and Sons department store in Barre, Worcester County, which has served this community for more than one hundred years and which, under his guidance, is setting new standards of usefulness in meeting the needs of the people of this section.

Mr. Simenson was born in Christiana, now Oslo, Norway, on March 16, 1881, a son of Anton and Pauline (Petersen) Simenson. In 1884 he came to America with his parents, who settled in Gardner, Massachusetts, where the father was a contractor and builder until his death in 1900. He built many homes, business blocks and churches in that city. Mr. Simenson was also deeply interested in the prohibition movement, taking an active part in its work. In 1896 he was a delegate to the Prohibition State Convention held in Boston on September 9th.

Sigurd I. Simenson, of this record, received his education in Gardner schools and in beginning his active career entered the employ of Goodnow, Pearson and Company, which firm operated a department store in Gardner. He remained with them for twenty-seven years. He was the first clerk employed by the store, starting at the bottom of the ladder, and as the business grew he was given greater responsibilities. Eventually Goodnow, Pearson and Company was employing a hundred clerks. Mr. Simenson had charge of the shoe department for many years and here gained the experience in merchandising which enabled him later to strike out for himself with assurance.

It was in January, 1926, that he came to Barre and purchased the store of A. G. Williams and Sons, which he now owns and operates. Mr. Simenson's first action in taking over this enterprise won him the confidence of the community. The Williams store was celebrating its hundredth anniversary, and Mr. Simenson seized the opportunity to give the people of this town the advantage of a hundredth anniversary sale. Since then he has spared no effort to increase the value of the service he renders the community, completely modernizing the store and improving both service and quality of merchandise. It is today one of the finest country department stores in business in this State, carrying a complete stock and maintaining six separate departments.

Apart from his independent business interests, Mr. Simenson is a director of the Second National Bank of Barre. He takes an active part in civic affairs and is now serving as chairman of the finance committee of the town. Mr. Simenson is also prominent in the Masonic Order, being affiliated with Mount Zion Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 46, Knights Templar. He has been much interested in the Boy Scouts movement and is committeeman for the local troop.

On October 14, 1903, Sigurd I. Simenson married Anna Holmander, who was born in Sweden. They are the parents of four children: 1. Anton, who married Mildred Brown of Gardner. He is associated with his father in business and has charge of the grocery department of the store. He is also a member of the firm. 2. Gladys, who has charge of the office work of the company. 3. Mabel. 4. Albin, now attending high school. Mr. Sigurd I. Simenson devotes special attention to the shoe and dry goods departments, while supervising the operations of the entire store.

PAUL SIBLEY—In 1927 the Worcester Taper Pin Company was incorporated, with Thomas Crabtree as president and O. A. Jones and A. C. Guire as the other executive officers. The purpose of the company was the manufacturing of taper pins. In 1931 they began the manufacture of steel mechanical hammers, regulating valves for the oil burning industries and similar products in variety. Later this corporation, now located at No. 47 Lagrange Street, Worcester, elected another group of executives, of whom the president and factory manager is F. J. Barry, and the secretary, treasurer and general manager Paul Sibley. The company is one of the important industrial concerns of the city and ships its products to all parts of the United States.

Paul Sibley is a native of Worcester, born August 19, 1902, son of Charles H. and Emma O. (Patten) Sibley, the former a well-known lawyer of Worcester. After attending the public schools, Paul Sibley matriculated at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, from which he was graduated in the class of 1925 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. After an experience in various lines of business he became associated with the Worcester Taper Pin Company, as its general manager, treasurer and secretary, which positions he still occupies. Mr. Sibley is a member of the Tat-

nuck Country Club and the Chamber of Commerce of Worcester. His religious affiliations are with the Union Congregational Church of the city. His college fraternity is Psi Upsilon.

In 1930 Paul Sibley married Nancy P. Norton, daughter of F. H. and Katherine (Manley) Norton, and they are the parents of a son, Charles H., 2d, born June 6, 1931.

FREDERICK J. BARRY—The president of the Worcester Taper Pin Company, Frederick J. Barry came to his position from a career which had given him experience and training in manufacturing and the management of employees. He was born at Worcester, June 18, 1891, son of the late William and Minnie E. (Sullivan) Barry, and was educated in the Worcester public schools. He learned the machinist trade in one of the larger corporations of the city and afterwards became foreman of the Metz Motor Company, at Waltham, Massachusetts. He later resigned to accept the position of foreman in the Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, but returned to the city of his birth to take a position as superintendent of the Worcester Manufacturing Company. He has also been production superintendent of the Wright Machine Company and foreman and head of the screw machine department of the Leland-Gifford Company. He was elected president of the Worcester Taper Pin Company in 1930.

Frederick J. Barry, in 1925, married Frances E. Cowes, and they are the parents of a son, Clifford E. Barry.

WILLIAM S. SWEETSER—As a chemist and scientific poultryman, William S. Sweetser is well known in Worcester and vicinity.

William S. Sweetser was born in the Greendale section of Worcester, December 24, 1865, son of Chauncey Butler and Martha (Partridge) Sweetser. His father was a well-known and highly respected farmer of that section, and his mother was a daughter of John Partridge, a shoe manufacturer of Paxton. The boy attended the public schools of Worcester, graduating from Classical High School in 1885, and in the fall of that same year entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he continued his studies in the chemical department, from which he was graduated in 1888 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Immediately after graduation he accepted a position as assistant chemist at the Experimental Station of the Pennsylvania State College of Agriculture. Here, though he did some teaching, his work was mostly in the laboratory, doing analysis and research work, in which he was greatly interested. Artificial fertilizers were just coming into general use at this time, and in this field Mr. Sweetser conducted careful investigation and experiments. He did a vast amount of work in the analysis of milk, butter, cheese, and other dairy products, also cattle foods; developed new and improved methods of analysis; and was among the first to check the milk production of cattle in relation to the food given them, tabulating carefully the type and variety, as well as the quantities of food given. In this field he contributed much that was of value to the farming industry and made for himself a reputation as a careful and skillful chemist who was not afraid to forge ahead and work out for himself new methods in order to discover and formulate new principles which would be of practical value to those for whom the Experiment Station was founded. While holding this position, Mr. Sweetser continued his college work, this time in Pennsylvania State College, from which he received the degree of Master of Science in 1898. In the fall of that year he went to the Normal and Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Virginia, as instructor in chemistry and animal husbandry. Here he found the work very interesting. Hampton Institute was one of the earliest institutions founded for the training of negroes and Indians in agricultural pursuits. Horses, dairy cattle, and poultry were a part of its equipment for the work of the agricultural department, and students were taught the practical handling of cattle, feeding, raising of fodder, etc. At one time the enrollment at Hampton was so large that the institute had the largest student body pursuing agricultural courses in the country. The school was new and its work was an experiment, and visitors came from all parts of the United States to see for themselves just what was being accomplished in the task of training the negro and the Indian for productive agricultural activities. Mr. Sweetser found it interesting to note that while the negro generally preferred the regular farm work and the poultry-raising, the Indian favored the care of the horses and cattle. This interesting and useful work he continued until 1909, when he resigned his position, returned to Worcester, and built his present home in the Greendale section of that city. During the following three years he was employed in the research laboratory of the Norton Grinding Company of Worcester, one of the largest and best known concerns of its kind in the country, but in 1914 he decided to give all his time to the poultry business which he had been gradually developing as a pastime and a hobby. Since that time he has continued this work, and at present he buys baby chicks and raises them to the broiler and egg-laying stage, marketing his dressed poultry both wholesale and retail and disposing of his eggs to private trade which he has built up to most satisfactory proportions. He specializes in Rhode Island Reds, a heavy fowl, which lays brown eggs and under his expert care gives a rich return for his labors. Mr. Sweetser is a member of the Greendale Village Improvement Society and is an active worker in the Greendale People's Church, a non-denominational organization with a large membership and attendance, which exerts a wide influence in the community. This church Mr. Sweetser has served as a member of the board of trustees and is now serving as deacon. He is active in all its work.

William S. Sweetser married, in 1892, Lillis Gilmore, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children, both born while their father was a student in Pennsylvania State College: 1. Anna, born in 1894, was graduated from Simmons College, Boston, taking a library course, and then served as librarian at Williams College and later at Clark University, Worcester. She married Francis J. Kunzelman, a contractor and builder of Worcester, where they make their home. They have one child, Lois Walbridge Kunzelman, who was born in 1926. 2. Chauncey Edwin, born in 1896, began his education in the schools of Virginia, came to Worcester with his parents, and was graduated from North High School. He then entered

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Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he continued a mechanical course until the entrance of the United States into the World War in 1917. Before his course was finished, after two years of study there, he enlisted for service in the Aviation Department of the United States Army and as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces served in France for a year and a half, in the maintenance department of the Aviation service. Upon his return to civilian life he entered the employ of the Norton Company, its research department and mechanical laboratory, and became a mechanical expert. He has always been deeply interested in the study of history, as a hobby, and while in France found opportunity to add considerably to his historical researches. He married Ebba Ohllson, of Worcester, and they have one daughter, Audry Joan Sweetser, who was born in Worcester in 1926.

MICHAEL FRANCIS FALLON, M. D.—Well known in the city of Worcester is Dr. Michael Francis Fallon, surgeon, who has been engaged in practice there for more than forty-six years, and who for many years has been connected with St. Vincent's Hospital.

James Fallon, father of Dr. Fallon, was born in Roscommon, Ireland, but came to this country as a young man, in 1846, and settled in Quincy, Massachusetts. In 1850 he and his young wife, Mary (Dyer) Fallon, also a native of Ireland, removed to Worcester, where they spent the remainder of their lives and where he died at the age of seventy-two years and she at the age of seventy. They became the parents of five sons, one of whom, Thomas B., died young. Three, James D., who died in early manhood, John D., who died when past his forty-fifth year, and Theodore, all were graduates of Holy Cross College, took their theological courses at Baltimore and at the Grand Seminary at Montreal, Canada, were ordained priests, and had charges in Massachusetts. The youngest of the five was Michael Francis.

Michael Francis Fallon, son of James and Mary (Dyer) Fallon, was born in Worcester, July 16, 1863. He attended the public schools of Worcester, was graduated from Worcester High School in 1881, and then entered Holy Cross College, where he completed his course with graduation in 1884. Having chosen the medical profession for his life work, he now entered Harvard Medical School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887. After two and a half years of study in Vienna, Heidelberg, and London, he returned to this country and located in Worcester, where he engaged in practice in 1891, making a specialty of surgery. That same year, 1891, he was one of the incorporators of St. Vincent Hospital, with which he has ever since been identified, first as a member of the surgical staff and later as chief of that staff. The hospital was opened in September, 1893, with a capacity of one hundred beds.

St. Vincent Hospital, though non-sectarian in its service, is a Catholic institution under the direction of the Sisters of Providence, its board of directors and of trustees being made up of thirty members. In 1922 the officials of the corporation were Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, president; George Crompton, vice-president; and Sister Mary Concilli, secretary. At the present time the officials are: Rt. Rev. T. M. O'Leary, president; George Crompton, vice-president; and Sister M. Leocadia, secretary. The work of this splendid institution, which occupies an entire square on Vernon Hill, has steadily grown, and recently it has doubled its capacity, an enlargement which classes it in importance with Worcester City Hospital and with the Memorial Hospital. The medical staff consists of about forty physicians and surgeons, and the nursing staff is recruited from the Sisterhood of Providence, all who are assigned to that work being graduate nurses. St. Vincent's supports, as a branch establishment at Millbury, a maternity hospital known as Mount St. Joseph's Hospital. A bequest made by the late Rev. Dr. John J. McCoy established a fund for the maintenance in the hospital of sick girls who are unable to meet the expense of such care, and this bequest has greatly enlarged the usefulness of an institution which for more than forty years has been giving splendid service to Worcester and vicinity, and which has now grown to be one of the largest of its kind in the State, having on its staff some two hundred nurses and accommodating over five hundred patients served by a very large staff of physicians and surgeons selected from the best in this section of the State. Through all the years of its existence Dr. Fallon has been closely associated with the work of St. Vincent, and is now surgeon-in-chief and president of the medical staff. In 1902 he gave up all general practice in order that he might devote his entire time and attention to surgery. He is well known and highly esteemed among his professional associates. He served as president of the Worcester County Medical Society for many years and it a member of the New England Surgical Society and the American College of Surgeons. For a long term of years Dr. Fallon devoted some time of each year to research work, spending much of that time with the Mayo brothers of Rochester, Minnesota. In addition to his many professional responsibilities, Dr. Fallon found time to serve as a member of the Worcester School Board for six years, serving as chairman of the board part of the time, and he also served as director of the Public Library. He is a member of the board of registrars of Massachusetts, charged with the duty of granting certificates to doctors to practice within the State. He is a member of the Harvard Club and of the Worcester Country Club, and is Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory, the Great. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Michael Francis Fallon married, in 1892, Ella J. Ford, who was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, daughter of Humphrey and Mary Ford. They became the parents of one son, John M., who was born September 17, 1901, and is now a well-known surgeon of Worcester.

Dr. John M. Fallon, son of Dr. Michael Francis and Ella J. (Ford) Fallon, attended the public schools of Worcester and then entered Holy Cross College, where he was prominent in extra-curricular activities, serving as editor of the college paper, "The Purple," and winning a reputation as a boxer and swimmer, and from which he was graduated in 1919. He then entered Harvard Medical School for his medical training, graduating in 1923. Like his father, he has specialized in surgery and he, too, has spent much time in the famous Mayo brothers' hospital. For a time he was associated with the famous Dr. Cushing of Boston.

He is now associated with his father in the work of the Fallon Clinic, which for its size is one of the finest in Massachusetts. Dr. John M. Fallon married, October 7, 1928, Kathleen McCann, of Bangor, Maine, and they became the parents of two sons, Michael and John. The mother died December 5, 1930.

WILLIAM F. BENNETT, native of Worcester, was born January 12, 1900, the son of William F. and Margaret M. (Landy) Bennett. Educated in the city schools, the son, as a boy of fourteen, started out to make his own living as a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Two years later he was driving motor cars and trucks, and in 1918 became an automobile salesman, a vocation he followed thereafter.

Mr. Bennett, during 1918-19, was selling the Overland car and in 1919 went with the Conroy Motor Company as a Ford car salesman, a position he held until 1923. In the latter year he went into business for himself selling used automobiles at No. 681 Main Street, Worcester, but three years later became connected with the Hudson and Essex Sales Company, on Federal Street. From 1927 to 1929 he handled the Willys-Knight and the Whippet cars, and for six months had the Chevrolet agency. Early in 1930 Mr. Bennett got the franchise for Ford cars and trucks, acting as an authorized agent. He also established the William F. Bennett Company, a corporation, of which he became sole owner and which became the largest commercial handlers of Ford cars in New England.

Mr. Bennett, while placing business first in his career, has not neglected the other interesting activities of life. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Knights of Columbus; and he is a member of the United Commercial Travelers and several similar organizations. Along the line of his business he is a member of the National Automobile Association and of the executive board of the Massachusetts Automobile Association. His chief recreation is golf, as a member of the Wachusett Country Club. In civic and welfare projects he is an active if unostentatious worker.

On January 12, 1921, William F. Bennett married Agnes M. Murphy, and they are the parents of a daughter Marjorie, born October 23, 1930.

FRANK EMORY ALLEN—For the past twelve years Frank Emory Allen has been the efficient president and general manager of Moore and Company, Inc., a concern engaged in the manufacture of pharmaceutical specialties.

Frank Emory Allen was born in Brookfield, Massachusetts, August 18, 1870, a son of Emory Hyde, a farmer, who lived in what was known as the "Over the River District" of Brookfield, and of Annie (Hilton) Allen. The branch of the Allen family, to which Mr. Allen belongs, traces descent from Walter Allen, born in England about 1601, who came to this country and settled in Newbury, Massachusetts, where his name is on record in 1640, though he probably was located there at an earlier date. He later removed to several different towns, and in 1673 to Charlestown, where he died July 8, 1681, aged eighty years, having led an active life as farmer, shopkeeper, hat dealer, and possibly as a manufacturer, by which various means he had acquired an estate inventoried at a large sum of £3,015, for those days. He married (first), in England, Rebecca; (second), at Charlestown, Massachusetts, November 29, 1678, Abigail Rogers; all of his five children were by the first wife, three, John, Daniel, and Joseph, being born in England, and two, Abigail and Benjamin, in Newbury, Massachusetts. The line descends through the oldest son, John, who was a tailor by trade, taking care of a large business, and who lived in Newbury until 1662, when he removed to Sudbury, where he suffered much through King Philip's War in 1676 and where he died December 1, 1711. His first wife, Sarah, mother of all his children, died January 12, 1702, and his second wife, Mary, is believed to have died in Sudbury, August 30, 1727. Of his eight children, five were born in Newbury and three in Sudbury. The line continues through Benjamin, born in Newbury, January 30, 1662, the year his parents removed to Sudbury, who became a farmer and lived in what is now Weston, where he died August 12, 1721; he married Frances Rice, daughter of Thomas Rice of Sudbury, and they had six children. The fifth of these was Zebadiah, born in Weston, who farmed in Sudbury most of his life, died there June 2, 1727, and married Mary Hoar, daughter of John Hoar of Sudbury, of the same family as Senator George Frisbee Hoar, of Worcester. Their son John, born in Sudbury, July 1, 1740, married, November 17, 1761, Eunice Gleason, who died in Brookfield, September 15, 1833, aged ninety-nine years; their son Zebadiah, seventh of twelve children, was born in Brookfield, October 19, 1774, died there December 14, 1839, and married Charlotte Hyde, who was born in Sturbridge, September 26, 1800, daughter of Joshua and Sally Hyde. They had seven children, of whom the fourth was Emory Hyde Allen, who was born in Brookfield, September 4, 1832, died there August 13, 1876, aged forty-three years, and married Annie Hilton, who died in Worcester in 1913. Emory Hyde and Annie (Hilton) Allen had five children: 1. A son, who died young. 2. William. 3. Nellie, born February 28, 1865. 4. Frank Emory, of further mention. 5. Annie Blanche, born January 21, 1874.

Frank Emory Allen attended the public schools of Brookfield until he was twelve years old and then removed with his parents to Springfield, where he continued his schooling for nearly a year. After leaving school he found work as an errand boy, and from that time until he reached the age of twenty he earned his living working in various positions in different towns. When he was twenty years old, two of his cousins, George and Henry Mathewson, persuaded him to come with them and enter the employ of the well-known Buffington Pharmacy, in Worcester, owned and operated by Elisha Buffington and E. R. Mitchell. With these two men Mr. Allen learned the drug business. Mr. Mitchell showed special interest in the young man and advised that he supplement his rather meager school training by study in the evening school. The lad acted upon this wise advice, enrolled in the evening school, and there completed the grammar grades and high school courses, giving special attention to chemistry. Mr. Mitchell saw that the lad received careful training in all the details of the practical management of a pharmaceutical business, including the compounding of prescriptions, and as the concern was operating both a wholesale

and a retail business for physicians and druggists' supplies, Mr. Allen received a very thorough and comprehensive training. Eventually, he went on the road and proved himself a most successful salesman. At time passed, however, he perceived that in the manufacture of specialties for physicians and druggists there was special opportunity, and he began to look about for a business of this kind. In 1920 he purchased the business of Moore and Company, Inc., manufacturers of pharmaceutical supplies, and from that time to the present he has continued, as president and general manager, to operate it most successfully. He has, from time to time, increased the size of the plant and has kept well abreast of the changing needs of the trade, varying his line of goods and producing new specialties, as new needs arose. The years have brought him increasing success, and his thorough knowledge of the line of business in which he is engaged, his administrative ability, and his integrity have made him well known and highly esetemed among a very large number of business associates. Mr. Allen is also very highly esteemed among a host of friends and fraternal associates. He is a member of all bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons, including the Consistory, in which he holds the thirty-second degree. Politically he supports the principles of the Republican party. Although he gives his first attention to his business in Worcester, located at No. 326 Chandler Street, Mr. Allen has always retained his love for farm and country life. He has a fine estate in Rutland, where he keeps a fine herd of cattle, in charge of a farm manager, and where he lives in the summer.

Frank Emory Allen married, in 1920, Mary (Brooks) Greene, widow of Marcus Greene. Mrs. Allen was born in Sterling, Connecticut, and for many years made a home for her mother in Worcester.

THADDEUS C. WARREN—WINDSOR H. BIGELOW—In March, 1914, Thaddeus C. Warren, a native of Worcester, and Windsor H. Bigelow, who was born in Uxbridge, combined their resources and the fruits of their experience in the formation of the Warren and Bigelow Company for the purpose of carrying on an electrical engineering and contracting business in Worcester. The company has grown to be one of the largest and most important of its kind in the county. It began business in a modest manner in the Park Building, where it remained for two years. The company then moved to Norwich Street, where it erected an up-to-date repair shop and started on its successful career. After six years there, it transferred its plant to its present location on the second floor at No. 207 Main Street. It is said to be the most modernly equipped plant of the kind in this city, and employment is given to a force of skilled workmen ranging in number from fifteen to thirty. The company is agent for the General Electric motors, Rockwood Paper pulleys and bases, Ingersoll-Rand pumps and Thomas Electric drills. It cares for a desirable trade in a territory covering a fifty-mile radius from Worcester. It is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is regarded as one of the active and successful commercial assets of the city.

Thaddeus C. Warren, born in Worcester in 1871, son of J. W. and Caroline Warren, both parents now deceased, was educated in the local public schools. He worked in an organ shop on May Street in this city until 1903 and at that time identified himself with the electrical business as an employee of Paige and Hazelton. With this firm and its successors he remained until 1914, in which year he and Windsor H. Bigelow (q. v.) formed a partnership and organized the Warren and Bigelow Company. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Adams Square Baptist Church, Worcester. His hobby is the game of golf.

Mr. Warren married, in September, 1895, Adeline S. Stearns.

Windsor H. Bigelow was born in Uxbridge, the son of John Albert and Margaret M. Bigelow, and received his early education in the public schools and at Worcester Academy, where he prepared for college. He pursued further study at Amherst College and from there went to the Bliss Electrical School, Washington, District of Columbia, where he completed his technical training. For several years he was associated with the United States Steel Corporation and later, from 1908 to 1914, with the General Electric Company. It was in the latter year that he joined forces with Thaddeus C. Warren, of previous mention, in the formation of the Warren and Bigelow Company. He is a member of the National Electrical Contractors Association and the Electrical League, is affiliated with all bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons, inclusive of the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and the New York Rite, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a Republican. He is very fond of outdoor life.

Mr. Bigelow married Ethel C. Wilson, of Worcester, and their children are: Dorothy E. and Windsor H., Jr.

WILLIAM DEXTER LUEY—For nearly two decades William Dexter Luey of Worcester was chairman of the board of directors of the Worcester Bank. Since 1926 he has been living retired.

William Dexter Luey was born in Greenfield, Massachusetts, April 6, 1855, son of Lester Lyman and Mary (Moody) Luey. Lester Lyman Luey was a member of a family of Colebrook, New Hampshire, and was for many years engaged in the grocery business in Greenfield, where he died at the age of seventy-eight years. William Dexter Luey received his education in the public schools of Greenfield and then, when only eighteen years of age, began his long association with the banking business by entering the employ of the Franklin County National Bank, at Greenfield. Three years later he accepted a better position with the Conway National Bank, at Conway, Massachusetts, where he was soon promoted to the responsible position of cashier and where he remained until 1881. Having now had seven years of experience in banking, he again made a change, this time going to Athol, where he was made cashier of the Millers River National Bank. For a period of twenty years he remained in that position. His next move was to Worcester, where he associated himself with the First National Bank, of which he was made president in 1902. When this bank was later absorbed by the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, he remained with the enlarged organization, and when the Worcester Bank and

Trust Company absorbed a number of other banks, Mr. Luey was made chairman of the board of directors of the still larger concern. From that time to the time of his retirement in 1926 he labored for the advancement of the interests of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company. Fifty-three years of continuous and exemplary service as a banker made Mr. Luey an expert in his field. As a senior officer of the banking fraternity of the State of Massachusetts, he continued in office until 1926, when he retired. Mr. Luey is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. The religious affiliation of the family is with the Unitarian Church.

William Dexter Luey married, in 1880, Emma C. Allen, and they became the parents of four children: 1. Lester L., who lives in Greenfield and is associated with Swift, Coates and Company; married Marion Jones, now deceased, and has two children: William and Eleanor. 2. Allen, who is engaged in the film business in Port Washington, Long Island; married and has three children, Lawrence, Gloria, and Thomas. 3. Rupert, who was engaged in the real estate business in Worcester, is now with F. W. Taylor, of Providence, Rhode Island. 4. Donald, of Holden, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. William Dexter Luey make their home at No. 44 West Street, in Worcester, and have a summer home at Northfield, Massachusetts.

CHARLES ARTHUR ROOT—A leader in business activities of magnitude and one of Uxbridge's foremost civic workers, Charles Arthur Root utilized his wonderful qualities of will and executive ability for the furtherance of the common interests of the people of his own and other communities. Foresight and vision equipped him to keep his plant operating when other mills in the New England area were shut down or curtailing their activities; and his devotion to the welfare of his workers and associates and the trade in general won for him a remarkable loyalty that enabled him to go still further in his useful public work. The profits of industry were employed, moreover, in the case of Mr. Root, for the betterment of conditions among the less fortunate and the needy of Uxbridge and of Massachusetts, for the creation of parks and recreational facilities and the support of worthy philanthropies. His career was useful in a multiplicity of ways, his life beautifully lived.

Mr. Root was born in Ludlow, Massachusetts, on September 11, 1874, son of Charles Benjamin Jencks and Annie (Atcheson) Root. He studied early in the public schools of Charlestown, Massachusetts, afterward spending a year in high school study at Chelsea. He was only fifteen years of age, when he obtained his first position in the business world, working with a meat dealer at Groton, Connecticut. His introduction to business was an especially cruel one, though his experiences never hardened him against performing subsequent good works, rather encouraging him to save others from the type of misfortune and unpleasantness that he experienced. He often recalled the brutality and abusiveness of the man for whom he worked at the age of fifteen. But he continued his work because of his eagerness to forge ahead in the business world and become successful. After a short time, he entered the employ of a wholesale hardware firm in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, there remaining for about a year.

Returning, in 1892, to Uxbridge, Mr. Root found employment with the Calumet and Hecla Woolen Company, working for one year in their offices and proceeding thence to the mills to acquaint himself with the practical processes of woolen manufacture. In every department of the industry, he was at one time or another engaged in the course of a four-year period, afterward specializing in designing and serving for five years as chief designer of the Calumet Company.

The function of designer, as everyone familiar with textiles knows, is one of outstanding importance in manufacturing. With him rests the burden of deciding whether innovations should be adopted, and, if so, what innovations. He must have his fingers on the pulse of the trade. Yet he must be an artist and a skilled craftsman. Success in this delicate profession of designer took Mr. Root to the logical next step in his career—entry into business for himself. In 1900 he founded the C. A. Root Company, taking over an old mill, long out of use and sadly in need of repairs. Men wise in the textile industry bemoaned the fate that awaited the young adventurer into new realms of activity, believing it foolhardy to attempt manufacturing operations under such conditions. In spite of all difficulties, however, Mr. Root succeeded in his venture, proving it not foolhardy but merely courageous. Facing tremendous obstacles, he contrived to make a grade of cotton worsteds never before produced in Uxbridge.

In 1904 he established a subsidiary of the first company, the new enterprise being known as the Uxbridge Worsted Company, which from its very inception proved profitable. The panic of 1907 gave him a severe setback financially, losing for him control of the parent C. A. Root Company. Difficulties had by this time but enlivened his impulse to succeed. Knowing not the word "fail," he began operations with twenty-five employees, building up that number until it was held consistently in normal times at 2,000. In 1908 he retired from the first company to devote his whole energies to the Uxbridge Worsted Company, Inc., of which he was treasurer and manager and which was the chief source of the growth and prosperity of Uxbridge as a community. An "independent" in his mill operations, Mr. Root met many discouragements, overcoming them all by the quality of determination that was marked in him even as a boy. One by one, he extended the units of operation; and at a time, when the whole textile industry was receiving hard blows, he was still enlarging his central plant in Uxbridge. His vision was justified, furthermore, by his ability to keep all the plants in Uxbridge open. As it has been written of him: "It was not only his sturdy will, his keen mind, his vision, his resourcefulness, his disciplined spirit, that made his business a success; it was all these and something more—his affectionate nature and his capacity for friendship."

Adding other responsibilities to his own business, he accepted the presidency of the Blackstone National Bank and a directorship of the Blackstone Valley Agricultural Society. But still it was in the textile trade that he always led first of all. He was the first man to operate Draper broad automatic looms on men's wear and was at the forefront in many new developments in textiles. He was at

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one time a director of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts.

Early he associated himself with Uxbridge civic life; and there are today, on all sides, reminders of his generosity and enterprise. He held many public offices, serving for more than a quarter of a century on the school board. From 1914 to 1919 he was a member of the board of selectmen, acting as its chairman in 1918 and 1919. He was chairman of the committee that made plans for the Uxbridge bi-centennial celebration held in June, 1927. He even aided in the promotion of cordial relationship between Uxbridge, Massachusetts, and its mother town, Uxbridge, England. He set apart, in more recent years, a part of his estate as a bathing beach and recreation center for the townspeople and renovated and extended a part of the Uxbridge Inn that he might provide an attractive place of assembly for the Rotary Club. During the World War, he was chairman in the different campaigns and in Red Cross work, serving on a number of committees. He was also a member of the tariff committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, in Washington, District of Columbia. Prominent in fraternal circles, he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Odd Fellows, he was a Past Noble Grand of Uxbridge Lodge; and in Masonry, he held the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and was affiliated with Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Worcester Country Club, the Whitinsville Golf Club, the Misquamicut Golf Club and the Winnapaug Golf Club of Watch Hill, the Magomiscock Golf Club of Milford, Massachusetts, the Appalachian Mountain Club, and the Committee of 100 of Miami Beach, Florida. A Republican in his political views, he was a delegate to his party's national convention at Kansas City. An enthusiastic sportsman, he was fond of yachting and fishing, making a number of rare catches in his angling expeditions. Conducting "Elmwood Farm," at Uxbridge, he had the most modern dairy plant in this part of New England, and kept seventy-eight head of brown Swiss cattle, many of which were prize winners. He was an enthusiastic motorist. His church was the Unitarian.

Charles Arthur Root married, on October 12, 1898, Jane Frances Wheelock, of Uxbridge, who is a Past Regent of Deborah Wheelock Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. They had children: 1. Dorothy R., born July 15, 1899, wife of Harold J. Walter, superintendent and manager of the Uxbridge Worsted Company, of record in the following biography. 2. Deborah, born October 27, 1904. 3. Charles A., Jr., born April 6, 1907.

The death of Charles Arthur Root, Sr., on September 25, 1932, deprived Uxbridge of a valued and respected citizen, whose life history contains much that is exemplary in citizenship and business. His accomplishments as a manufacturer make his record of inspirational value to others, showing what may be achieved in the face of difficulties when determined purpose and laudable ambition lead the way.

HAROLD JOHN WALTER—As general manager and treasurer of the Uxbridge Worsted Company, Harold John Walter has substantially contributed to the work of the great New England textile industry. His position in Uxbridge is one of leadership and very high regard in civic affairs.

Mr. Walter, unlike most men engaged in the textile trade, came to Massachusetts from the West. He was born in Pueblo, Colorado, on September 10, 1900, son of Martin and Mary (Mesang) Walter. His father, a native of Germany, came to this country early in life, and was a brewer by occupation. In Pueblo, he was known as an outstanding philanthropist during his residence here. He also owned a brewery in Menasha, Wisconsin. He died in 1918.

In the public schools of Colorado, Harold John Walter, of this review, received his early education and later he attended Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York, for a time, being graduated in 1921 from the University of Colorado with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For two years following his graduation, Mr. Walter was engaged in business in Pueblo, his native city, coming in 1923 to Uxbridge, Massachusetts, and here entering the employ of the Uxbridge Worsted Company, with which he has since been associated. In 1927 he was made superintendent and manager of the company's plant.

In addition to his work with the worsted company, Mr. Walter has been active in the general business life of his city, where he is president of the Uxbridge Coöperative Bank and a trustee of the Uxbridge Savings Bank. He is also a vice-president of the Blackstone National Bank, a director of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, president of the Walter Brewing Company of Menasha, Wisconsin, and treasurer of the Walter Brewing Company of Pueblo, Colorado. Through such organizations as the Rotary Club and the Blackstone Agricultural Society, he does everything in his power to advance the interests of commercial and agricultural life, so promoting the prosperity of the region in which he lives. He and his family are affiliated with the Unitarian Church. In his many activities and associations, Mr. Walter has proven himself a loyal public servant of his community and its people and institutions, and his labors have been of distinct value to his fellow-citizens in all walks of life.

Harold John Walter married, on June 21, 1924, Dorothy R. Root, daughter of Charles A. Root (q. v.) and Jane F. (Wheelock) Root and member of an honored family of Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Walter became the parents of three children: 1. Mary Jane, born June 25, 1927. 2. Harold J., Jr. 3. Dorothy. Harold and Dorothy are twins, born June 2, 1931.

BURTON HENRY WRIGHT—A long period of service with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company gave Burton Henry Wright, of Worcester, a position of high standing in the regard of his fellow-citizens here and at the same time furnished him an opportunity to render valuable help to them. He willingly and eagerly seized this opportunity, furthermore, usefully fulfilling his duties as president of the company for seventeen years and as chairman of the board of directors for six years. Aside from his business endeavors, he devoted his time mainly to home and family. His sincerity and kindliness caused him to be beloved by all who knew him

Mr. Wright was born on January 12, 1859, at Killingworth, Connecticut, son of John Burghardt and Rachel (Stannard) Wright. His father, a distinguished son of Connecticut, was appointed by President Abraham Lincoln to the office of collector of the port of Clinton, Connecticut, and was at the time of his death controller of the State of Connecticut. Burton H. Wright, of whom this is primarily a record, received his early education in the district school of Killingworth, Connecticut, his birthplace, later attending the Morgan High School in Clinton, Connecticut. His first employment was with the National Bank of Clinton, in which he was made clerk in 1878. In 1879 he came to Worcester, here entering the employ of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company. His association with this company extended over a period of many years, terminating only in his death. At the outset he served as junior clerk, from which position he won promotion step by step. For many years he was cashier. He was then made superintendent of agencies. In January, 1908, he was elected secretary of the company, and in January, 1910, succeeded Colonel A. George Bullock as president. He resigned that position in 1927 to become chairman of the board of directors, and was so serving at the time of his passing. His whole career with this company covered fifty-four years of usefulness in many capacities, years that brought him to a position of leadership in financial affairs. Few men had a wider acquaintance than had he with either insurance or financial matters in New England. In the last two years of his life, the state of his health caused him to abandon much of his activity with the company, but he still attended to his duties whenever the condition of his health permitted.

Mr. Wright's political views were consistently those of the Republican party, though he never sought an elective office. His chief public service was his trusteeship of the City Hospital, of Worcester, which covered a six-year period. In addition to his association with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, he was a director of the Merchants' National Bank, the Morris Plan Bank, and the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, and was also a trustee of the hospital. He was likewise a director of the State Mutual. He was also a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Club, the Worcester Club, the Worcester Art Museum, the Worcester County Mechanics' Association, the Worcester County Republican Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Clinton Country Club, of Clinton, Connecticut, and Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. His church was All Saints' Episcopal. Into each of these groups and the activities that it represented, he put his best energies, and his enthusiasm was responsible for the success of many a project that benefited Worcester.

Above all else he was devoted to home and family. Burton Henry Wright married, on October 18, 1892, Margaret McLeod Shepard, daughter of the Rev. Peter Lake and Mary Ann (Burr) Shepard, of Saybrook, Connecticut. She was educated in the private school conducted by her father in Saybrook. He later was a distinguished divine, was ordained deacon on June 3, 1855, at Christ Church, Middletown, Connecticut, and priest on July 13, 1856, at St. James Church, New London. The Shepard family is an old one in New England, the immigrant ancestor, Edward Shepard, having been born in England and having settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts, as early as 1639; his wife, Violet, died January 9, 1648-49, and he died in 1674. From him the line of descent is through his son, John. The following three successive generations were named John. The fourth John's son, Abraham Ferris Shepard, was Mrs. Wright's grandfather, and his son, the Rev. Peter Lake Shepard, was Mrs. Wright's father. On the Wright side of the family, the immigrant ancestor was Benjamin Wright, born in England, who settled early in Guilford, Connecticut, and later removed to Clinton. He died March 29, 1677. His son, James, carried on the line, which passed through the following generations to the man whose name heads this review—Benjamin, Josiah, Josiah, Martin, Martin, and John Burghardt Wright.

Burton Henry and Margaret McLeod (Shepard) Wright became the parents of two children: 1. Shepard, of Denver, Colorado. 2. John Burghardt Wright, of Madison, Connecticut, who attended Harvard University; during the World War he was in the United States Navy as chief mechanic; married, after the death of his first wife (second) Stella Beckman; they have one child, Burton Henry Wright, 2d.

The death of Burton Henry Wright, on April 6, 1933, was a cause of deep sorrow to his fellow-citizens. His contributions to the well-being of Worcester and its people and institutions had been numerous and generous and his position was one of leadership and standing. He will long be affectionately remembered not only by his intimate friends, but by all whose privilege it was to know him.

ROGER KINNICUTT, M. D.—Among the well-known members of the medical profession in Massachusetts is Dr. Roger Kinnicutt, of Worcester, who received his medical degree from Harvard University in 1905.

Dr. Kinnicutt is a descendant of several old Colonial families. Francis Harrison Kinnicutt, his grandfather, was born in Seekonk, Rhode Island, April 27, 1812, son of Thomas and Amy (Wrightman) Kinnicutt, and died September 12, 1885. In 1828 he came to Worcester, where he spent the remainder of his life, and where he became one of the prominent business men of the city. Two years after coming to Worcester he entered the employ of George T. Rice as clerk in the hardware store at the corner of Main and Walnut streets. Soon afterward he was admitted to partnership and a few years later he and his brother Thomas purchased the interest of Mr. Rice, who then engaged in the manufacture of cloth. Eventually, Samuel Woodward succeeded Thomas Kinnicutt as a member of the firm, and in later years he took over the active management of the store, thus releasing Mr. Kinnicutt's time for attention to his numerous other responsibilities. These responsibilities were many and varied, for Mr. Kinnicutt was a member of the board of directors of the Citizens Bank of Worcester from 1842 on and its president from 1860 to the time of his death; a director of the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company from 1855 and its president from 1866 to 1881, when he resigned; and for nearly a quarter of a century

a member of the board of investment of the Worcester County Institution for Savings.

Francis Harrison Kinnicutt married Elizabeth Waldo Parker, who was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts, May 9, 1817, and died in 1891, daughter of Hon. Leonard Moody Parker of Shirley, granddaughter of Levi Lincoln, Sr., and great-granddaughter of Daniel Waldo, Sr. Francis Harrison and Elizabeth Waldo (Parker) Kinnicutt had six children: 1. Rebecca Newton, born September 17, 1838; married Dr. George E. Francis. 2. Elizabeth Waldo, born August 18, 1840, died October 15, 1869; married Dr. William H. Draper, of New York City. 3. Julia Burling, born July 1, 1843; married John M. Barker, of Worcester. 4. Frank Parker, born July 13, 1846, became a prominent physician in New York City, and had two children: Frank Harrison and Gustave Herman Kinnicutt. 5. Lincoln Newton, of whom further, father of Dr. Roger Kinnicutt. 6. Leonard Parker, born in Worcester, May 22, 1854, died there, February 6, 1911; was from 1886 to the time of his death professor of chemistry in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute and from 1892 on director of the chemical department; married (first) Louisa Hoar Clarke, who died January 22, 1892, daughter of Dr. Henry Clarke; (second) Frances Ayres Clarke, daughter of Josiah H. Clarke.

Lincoln Newton Kinnicutt, father of Dr. Roger Kinnicutt, was born in Worcester, March 14, 1849, and received his education in the public schools of Worcester and in Europe. At the age of seventeen he became a clerk in his father's hardware store, and when he became of age was admitted to partnership. In 1877 he entered the office of George T. Rice, banker, with whom he learned the banking business. Having gained the needed experience, he formed, in 1884, a partnership with Alexander DeWitt, under the name of Kinnicutt and DeWitt, and for many years that firm conducted the largest banking and brokerage business of any private concern in the city. Eventually, the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Kinnicutt devoted his time to the many directorships and trusteeships which he held. He was a director of the Citizens National Bank, the Worcester Trust Company, the Worcester National Bank, and the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company; and a trustee of the Worcester County Institution for Savings, the Worcester Art Museum, of which he was treasurer, and the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, which he served as treasurer. In addition to these numerous business interests, Mr. Kinnicutt was also identified with a very large number of historical and other societies, including the Massachusetts Historical Society; the American Antiquarian Society; the Colonial Society of Massachusetts; the Worcester Society of Antiquity; and a large number of clubs formed for the furtherance of special interests. Among the latter may be mentioned the Natural History Society, the Club of Odd Volumes of Boston, and the Century Association of New York. He was also a member of the Bohemian Club, Twentieth Century Club, Worcester Club, Economic Club, Bay Tree Club, Union Club of Boston, Tavern Club, St. Botolph Club, and Worcester Fire Society. With his many interests, he found time to become the author of "Indian Place Names of Worcester County," "Indian Places Names of Plymouth County," and "To Your Dog and My Dog." He also gave time and effort to several philanthropic organizations, including the Children's Friend Society, the Worcester Employment Society, and the Home for Aged Men. His political choice was Republican, and his religious affiliations with the Unitarian Church.

Lincoln Newton Kinnicutt married, in Worcester, October 10, 1878, Edith Perley, who was born in Concord, New Hampshire, April 9, 1856, daughter of Hon. Ira Perley, who was born in 1799 and was chief justice of New Hampshire, and of Mary (Nelson) Perley, the latter a native of Haverhill, New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Newton Kinnicutt became the parents of one son, Roger, of further mention.

Dr. Roger Kinnicutt, son of Lincoln Newton and Edith (Perley) Kinnicutt, was born in Worcester, February 12, 1880. He received his early education in the Fisher and Delsalle private schools, Worcester, and Milton Academy, Milton, Massachusetts, and then entered Harvard College, from which he was graduated in 1902, receiving at that time the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered Harvard Medical School, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1906. For several years prior to the entrance of the United States into the World War he was pathologist of Worcester Memorial Hospital, but soon after the entrance of the United States into that conflict he enlisted for service in the Medical Corps and was sent overseas, where he served in a United States Army hospital in France, ranking as captain. Upon his return to this country he resumed his professional practice and since that time has made for himself a reputation as an able and skillful physician and a pathologist of rare ability. Dr. Kinnicutt is a member of the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, and the Tavern and Somerset clubs of Boston.

Dr. Roger Kinnicutt married, in 1915, Margaret Struthers Moen, daughter of Philip W. Moen.

GRACE L. SWAN—The Worcester Mailing Company, largest enterprise of its kind in New England, was organized in 1907 by Grace L. Belknap (now Mrs. Grace L. Swan). Its first location was in the State Mutual Building in Worcester. Starting on a modest scale, it was soon necessary to secure larger quarters. At that time Mrs. Belknap, now Mrs. Swan, moved to the new Slater Building in Worcester, where she was one of the first tenants. The demands on the company's services continued to increase, and Mrs. Belknap purchased a monotype machine, which greatly facilitated the printing scope of the business. In 1916 she moved from the Slater Building because of the noise which the operation of the new monotype machine would entail, taking up quarters at her present location, No. 311 Main Street, Worcester, where the offices are still located.

With passing years she has seen her judgment vindicated and enjoys the satisfaction of knowing that her faith in the future of the type of service rendered by her company was entirely justified. The business was incorporated in 1923 and has since continued its growth and development. In 1930 the company acquired photostatic and planograph printing equipment and seriously entered the field of off-set lithography. The highest standards of quality and service have always been maintained and the sound principles on which the company operates are reflected in its continued success.

Present officers include Mrs. Swan as president and William J. Swan, her husband, vice-president and treasurer.

Mrs. Swan was born in Worcester, a daughter of George Alonzo Geer, now deceased, and Mary (Waite) Chapin Geer. Her father who died in 1911, was a dealer in hats and furnishings. Her family has been established in this section since 1640, and she herself has a large circle of personal friends and acquaintances throughout the city and country. Mrs. Swan has two children, a son, Warren Hutchins Belknap, who makes his home in California and a daughter, Alice May (Belknap) Archibald, wife of Peter Smeaton Archibald, assistant manager of the Worcester branch of Paine, Webber and Company.

William J. Swan, to whom she was married, in 1919, was born in Liverpool, England, son of Joseph Swan, who was in the employ of the Liverpool dock commissioner, and of Sarah (Moody) Swan. William J. Swan was educated in public schools, later graduated from the Art Union in London, and during the World War enlisted for service with the Canadian troops, in which he held the rank of sergeant. Both Mr. and Mrs. Swan devote their entire attention to their business.

EDWARD HENRY TROWBRIDGE, M. D., F. A. C. S.—In medicine and surgery, Dr. Edward Henry Trowbridge occupies a place of prominence and high standing in the city and county of Worcester. His achievements have been numerous, well entitling him to the position of esteem that he holds.

Dr. Trowbridge was born at Portland, Maine, on October 1, 1856, son of William S. and Elizabeth P. Trowbridge. In the public schools of Portland, his birthplace, and later at the Portland High School, he received his early formal training, being graduated from this school in 1875. In 1877 he entered Dartmouth College, where he was graduated in 1881 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. While a student there, he was elected to membership in the honorary fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa because of his scholastic attainments. He also is a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

In July, 1881, he began the study of medicine at Portland Medical School, Bowdoin College, where he was graduated in June, 1884, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. From then until July, 1885, he served as house surgeon of the Maine General Hospital. In the autumn of 1885 he came to Worcester and commenced the practice of his profession, making surgery his specialty. In 1890 Dr. Trowbridge was appointed surgeon of the outpatient department of Worcester City Hospital and in 1896 one of its visiting surgeons. He resigned as visiting surgeon in 1917 and at that time was elected a consulting surgeon of the same hospital. In the summer of 1905 Dr. Trowbridge made a trip abroad and visited the leading hospitals of London and Paris, also taking a surgery course at Vienna. In 1907 he was elected a member of the Worcester school board for a term of three years and in 1908 he was appointed chairman of the board of health of the city of Worcester and held this position till 1933.

Quite aside from his private practice and his hospital and civic work, Dr. Trowbridge stands high in the ranks of his profession. He is a member of the Worcester District Medical Society, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He has extensive affiliations with social groups, including the Dartmouth Club and the Worcester Club. Fraternally, he is a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Portland, Maine, Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Also active in the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Trowbridge is prominent in civic affairs, helping to advance those causes and projects that he believes worth while and useful. He has, in all his work, both professional and civic, done much to promote the well-being of his fellow-citizens, who esteem him highly.

Dr. Trowbridge married, September 5, 1888, in Framingham, Massachusetts, Carrie Louise Parker, daughter of Charles Webster and Harriet (Phillbrick) Parker. Mrs. Trowbridge is a member of the Colonel Timothy Bigelow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as of the Worcester Women's Club. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Trowbridge are: 1. Parker, a graduate of Dartmouth College, where he took the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1913; he is associated with Paine, Webber and Company, bankers, as manager of the Worcester office. He is a member of the Dartmouth Club, Psi Upsilon Fraternity, the Worcester Club, the Worcester Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, Quinsigamond Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and other Worcester groups. 2. Gladys I., now Mrs. H. J. Coolidge, of Concord, Massachusetts. 3. Louise, like her sister a graduate of the Emma Willard School, of Troy, New York, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

CHARLES A. BARTON—One of the well-known bankers of Worcester County was Charles A. Barton of Worcester, late president of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company and president of the Worcester Safe Deposit Vaults, Inc. Mr. Barton was a native of Rhode Island, born at Wickford, Kingston County, October 1, 1874, son of Charles A. and Margaret M. (Seagrave) Barton. Mr. Barton's father, a manufacturing jeweler, was born at Canton, Massachusetts, and died in 1877; his mother was a native of Northbridge, Massachusetts, and died in 1900.

Charles A. Barton, the son, after receiving a public school education, started early upon a business career. Almost from the first he was identified with banking, taking a position with the Uxbridge Savings Bank, in a humble capacity, and becoming treasurer in 1904. He resigned to go to the Blackstone National Bank, as vice-president, serving in that capacity until 1918. In that year Mr. Barton came to the Worcester Bank and Trust Company as a vice-president. Later he became the trust officer, and finally in June, 1933, president. His standing in the banking world was of the highest. His knowledge and experience have been of great value in the building and maintenance of the various institutions with which he was connected. This was demonstrated in the fact that until his death he retained his connection with all of the banks in which he had been an official. In addition to his position as president and director in the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, he was a director of the Blackstone National Bank, a trustee of the Uxbridge Savings Bank, president of

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the Worcester Cold Storage and Warehouse Company and of the Charles G. Allen Company, of Barre, Massachusetts, and a director in several other corporations.

Banking and finance absorbed but a part of Mr. Barton's energies. During the period of the United States' participation in the World War, he was foremost in most of the movements and drives of that time. He was county chairman of the American Red Cross, a leader in all the Liberty Loan projects and as a private citizen enlisted all his powers to assist in a successful termination of the State's effort to aid in the conflict. Fraternally, Mr. Barton was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master. Recreation played a prominent rôle in his life; he was a member of the Whitinsville Country Club, the Algonquin Club of Boston, the Worcester Club and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, of which he was the treasurer, and the Rotary Club, of which he was past president. His religious faith was that of the Unitarian Church.

Charles A. Barton, in 1912, married Elizabeth B. Eastman. By a former marriage there is a son, Charles S. Barton, a graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School and now 1934, a practicing attorney in Worcester.

GEORGE WINTHROP MACKINTIRE—Treasurer of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester and an important figure in the life of this city for many years, George Winthrop Mackintire is widely known throughout this section as a successful business man and a leader in civic affairs.

He was born in Boston, December 15, 1855, a son of George Eliab and Arabella W. (Barker) Mackintire. His father, who was also born in Boston and who died in 1911, was a merchant and banker in that city, with offices for many years with Estabrook and Company at No. 15 State Street. George Winthrop Mackintire is the seventh in direct descent from the American progenitor of the family, Philip Mackintire (or McIntyre), who settled in Reading about 1651. According to family tradition, he was a son of Ebenezer Mackintire, of Argyle, in the Highlands of Scotland, and was one of the Scottish prisoners of war sent to the Colonies by Oliver Cromwell after the battles of Dunbarton (September 3, 1650,) and Worcester (September 3, 1651.) From him the line of descent is traced through Daniel, his son; Jonathan, his grandson; and Joseph Mackintire, his great-grandson, who settled in Burlington. Eliab Parker Mackintire was the son of Joseph Mackintire. He lived in Burlington and Charlestown and was the founder of the firm of Mackintire, Lawrie and Company, commission merchants in linens and damasks, with branch offices in Dundee, Scotland. Eliab Parker Mackintire was the father of George Eliab Mackintire and grandfather of George Winthrop Mackintire of this record. Through most of his other lines of ancestry, Mr. Mackintire is also descended from the original English Colonial stock. His mother, Arabella Wood (Barker) Mackintire, was born in New Brunswick, Canada, but she was of American descent and her mother was a member of the Tufts family, one of the oldest families of Charlestown and one of the most distinguished in Massachusetts.

George Winthrop Mackintire was educated in the public schools of Newton, Massachusetts, where he lived during his boyhood, and at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was a member of the class of 1875. Forced by ill health to withdraw from that institution some months before his graduation, he spent a brief period in his father's office at Boston. In 1874 he went on a sea voyage to India and for approximately eleven years was employed by a Boston house doing a banking and shipping business in India. His firm had branches in Calcutta, Madras and Batavia, in each of which cities he lived for a time. In 1889, having returned to the United States and taken up his residence in Worcester, he was appointed assistant cashier of the Worcester National Bank. Ten years later he resigned that position to accept the office of treasurer of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester. Mr. Mackintire has since served as treasurer of the company. He has contributed much to its development and progress, and today is the dean of its executive corps, both in seniority and by right of esteem. The history of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company is contained in another section of this work.

Mr. Mackintire is also vice-president of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank. In both these offices he has proved himself a gifted administrator and a man of soundest judgment. In addition, however, he has been active in many municipal projects and, while he has had little interest in politics as such, he has never neglected the duties of good citizenship. For a number of years he has served as chairman of the sinking fund commission, a position in which his knowledge of finance has been of great value to the city. Mr. Mackintire has been a member of the Congregational Church of Worcester for a number of decades and in past years was very active in the work of the church. More recently he has made it his policy to retire gradually from his numerous and varied connections, leaving the burden of leadership to a generation which needs the experience and which eventually will carry on the work alone. Accordingly he has resigned his church offices and various other positions with city institutions. Of his former club and society memberships he retains only a few, including the University Club, the Commonwealth Club and one or two others. He spends much of his time today at his beautiful summer estate near Princeton, Massachusetts, where he entertains his many friends, both old and new. While he may look back with satisfaction upon his record of past accomplishments, he is in no sense inactive and still retains many of his former interests.

Mr. Mackintire married, in 1884, Mary Louise Miles, daughter of Charles M. and Mary E. (Holden) Miles, of Rutland. She was born in Worcester on August 20, 1858, and is a direct descendant from John Miles, who came from England to Boston in 1638. Through her mother she is also descended from Richard Holden, who came to New England on the ship "Francis," sailing from England on April 30, 1634, and settled at Watertown. Her ancestors in later generations fought in the various wars of their country, including the Rev-

olution, and were prominent in the founding of the Nation.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackintire are the parents of one daughter, Persis Louise, who married Homer D. Carr. They have two children: Winthrop Wyatt and Robert Sherwood Carr.

WILLIAM GARDINER LORD—Banker, real estate expert and man of affairs in Athol, William Gardiner Lord has long been a prominent factor in the life and progress of this town. A former legislator, actively identified with financial institutions, and a leader in fraternal and religious organizations, he continues to exert a beneficial influence in various channels.

This family of Lord was founded by an ancestor who came from England and settled in New England in 1631. One of Mr. Lord's American ancestors was Rev. Joseph Lord, who was sent as a missionary to South Carolina. He was connected with the First Church at Dorchester, where he spent many years and left descendants. He married the daughter of Governor Thomas Hinkley. Their son, Dr. Joseph Lord, born in Charlestown, Massachusetts, graduated at Harvard College in 1726 and came to Worcester County in 1735. He practiced medicine in Athol until about 1758. He later served as a judge in Vermont and was active in most affairs of the several towns where he resided. He lived in different sections of Massachusetts and Vermont and died December 7, 1788, in his eighty-fifth year. His son, Captain Thomas Lord, was born in Athol, January 17, 1736, having been the second white child to be born in this town, where he spent all his life. He was a farmer. In the French and Indian War, he was at Lake George, New York, participating in the battle there in 1758 and in the invasion of Canada in 1758. Tradition has it that he served under General Wolfe. He marched on the Lexington Alarm, which heralded the Revolution, from August to September of 1776, as a member of Colonel Brewer's Regiment. In 1776 he was made captain of the 13th Company in the 7th Worcester Regiment, and as an officer of this rank was present at the capture of Burgoyne. He was a member of three campaigns sent out of Athol. He had a brother, William Lord, and a son, Asa Lord, who served in 1778 and later at different times in the Revolution until December, 1781. Captain Lord married Leonard (?) Smith, a descendant of Lieutenant Samuel Smith. He died in 1810. Their son, Gardiner (1) Lord, born in Athol, April 7, 1788, was a farmer. He married Sally Smith, of Truro, Cape Cod. Their son, Gardiner (2) Lord, was born in Athol, February 26, 1824 and died November 1, 1899. He learned the trade of manufacturing boots, worked at it for some time, and finally became a member of the firm of F. G. C. L. Lord and Company, manufacturers of boots. He was appointed a deputy sheriff and served as such for thirty years. He was a selectman for three terms, and also had served as an assessor and overseer of the poor. He was charged with the settlement of many estates and was often consulted by his neighbors on matters requiring his counsel and judgment, which were regarded as excellent and sound. He was a Whig and later a Republican in politics. He married Mary Barker, daughter of Nathan and Sally Barker. Their only child was William Gardiner, of this review.

William Gardiner Lord, son of Gardiner (2) and Mary (Barker) Lord, was born in Athol, September 7, 1871, and received his education in the local schools, graduating in 1888. As a youth of sixteen he accepted the responsibilities of his father's affairs, as his parent had virtually lost his eyesight. He not only looked after the details of business private concerns, but also after the official duties of selectman, overseer of the poor and other town matters for which his father had been elected. Thus he gained a wide and fruitful experience in business and public service which developed in him a keen, shrewd business capacity and political acumen and made him a leading citizen of Athol. In his young manhood he was associated with the law office of Sidney P. Smith, and in February, 1897, he became connected with the law office of Associate Justice E. V. Wilson. He went abroad in the summer of 1900 and on his return to Athol began seriously to engage in the real estate business, in which he has since profitably continued, having in the past years had a partner associated with him. His close knowledge of property values and financial affairs has led to his being appointed administrator in the settlement of many estates.

He served as a member and secretary of the Washington Bi-Centenary of the Athol district. For eleven years he was a member of the Republican town committee and in 1917-18 he was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. For more than a quarter of a century he has been the town moderator. He has frequently been asked to fill important offices in the gift of the townspeople, but has steadfastly declined to do so. He has, however, continued active in banking circles. In the obtaining of favorable legislation for the Coöperative Central Bank he was one of the principal factors. He is president and chairman of the board of the Athol Coöperative Bank, a director of the First National Bank of Athol, and fills the office of president in a number of other organizations. He lends his support and influence in the work of the Athol Young Men's Christian Association and the Salvation Army.

Since he attained his majority, he has been an active Knight of Pythias in this State, having passed through all the chairs of Corinthian Lodge, No. 76, of Athol, and is now Permanent Representative to the Grand Lodge, in which he has been Grand Chancellor. He has also been Supreme Representative to the Supreme Lodge and District Deputy Supreme Chancellor. He is affiliated with Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Athol Commandery, No. 37, Knights Templar; Greenfield Lodge of Perfection; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; Lawrence Chapter of Rose Croix (Masonic); and Athol Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a member of the Poquaig Club. Among the interesting contributions to local literature is his "History of the First Baptist Church," of Athol, of which he is a member.

REV. GERALD S. McGOURTY—As pastor of the Church of the Holy Angels, of Upton, the Rev. Gerald S. McGourty is rendering able service in one of the oldest parishes of the Springfield diocese.

Holy Angels parish had its earliest beginnings in 1834, nearly a hundred years ago, when Father Fitton, then pastor of Christ Church at Worcester, held services in the three towns of Grafton, Millbury, and Upton, as missions. Father Fitton continued his ministry to these three and other small groups of faithful Catholics until 1843, when Father Williamson succeeded him as pastor at Worcester. Father Williamson served these missions until the coming of Father Gibson in 1845. Then, since Upton is half-way between Fisherville and Milford, Father Cuddihy, after becoming pastor of Milford, for a time came once a month to Upton and said Mass in the homes of the people. When the congregation became too numerous for any Catholic home, he engaged the town hall. In November, 1869, when Grafton was made a separate parish with Dr. A. M. Baret as its first resident pastor, Upton became a mission of that parish. Father Baret purchased the old Unitarian Church in Upton, remodeled it to suit the needs of his Catholic congregation and dedicated it as the Church of the Holy Angels. After the death of Father Baret in 1881, the Rev. James Boyle was made pastor of St. Philip's Church at Grafton, and he not only remodeled St. Philip's Church, but he also repaired the mission church of the Holy Angels at Upton and frescoed its walls. In 1883 the Rev. John Boyle, still pastor at Grafton, began building a church at Fisherville on land donated to the Catholics by the Fisher Manufacturing Company. The church was dedicated under the patronage of St. James on New Year's Day, in 1884, and in 1887, when Fisherville was set apart as a separate parish, Upton was made a mission of the new parish of St. James. The Rev. Michael J. Carroll was made the first resident pastor of Fisherville. At this time Fisherville parish and mission numbered about eleven hundred Catholics, of whom three hundred and fifteen were in Upton. These three hundred and fifteen, with the exception of two families, were of Irish blood, while in Fisherville there were one hundred and eighty-seven people of Irish lineage and the remainder were French-Canadians or their children. A persistent attempt on the part of the French-Canadians to secure the appointment of a French pastor was foiled by Father Carroll's tact and firmness. By 1899 the Fisherville congregation was four-fifth French-Canadian, but Father Carroll was yet pastor. He took care of his mission at Upton, putting in stained glass windows, a pipe organ and several pieces of statuary, and greatly strengthened the spiritual life of his Upton people.

Father Carroll was a native of Milford, born in 1851, and educated in the local schools and at Holy Cross College from which he was graduated in 1876. He then entered the Grand Seminary in Montreal, Canada, where he remained until he was ordained in 1879. He then was assigned as assistant to Northampton, Massachusetts, and served for seven years, when he was transferred to Fisherville and took charge of St. James parish and its mission, the Church of the Holy Angels, at Upton. A strong man, of hardy physique and buoyant spirit, a hard worker, a prudent manager of the business affairs of the parish, Father Carroll greatly strengthened both the spiritual and the material resources of his parish and its mission. In 1901 Upton was made a separate parish, and since that time this church known as the Church of the Holy Angels, has been served by its own priests. The first resident pastor was Father Richard Burke, who remained until August, 1902. He was succeeded by the Rev. James Cruse, who remained until 1909. His successor was the Rev. George Flynn, now of St. Bernard's Church of Worcester, who remained until 1916. He was succeeded by the Rev. F. A. Lane, who was succeeded in 1927 by the present pastor, the Rev. Gerald S. McGourty. The Rev. James Cruse, mentioned above, bought the present rectory, which the present pastor has changed in many ways, bringing it up-to-date, putting in hardwood floors and having the whole interior changed and improved. Father Flynn decorated the interior of the church, put up a steel ceiling and made many other improvements.

The Rev. Gerald S. McGourty was born in Worcester, December 17, 1876, son of Owen McGourty, who was born in Ireland, but came to this country in 1847, when he was fourteen years old, and settled in Worcester, where he lived to the time of his death, which occurred in 1903 at the age of seventy years. Owen McGourty, who had been living in Worcester for nearly half a century, was highly respected as a man of upright character. He was for many years employed by Washburn and Moen. But his health failed and during the later years of his life he was assistant gardener on the estate of the late Senator Hoar of Worcester. He married Ann Heron, born in Ireland, who died in 1924. Father McGourty attended the public schools of Worcester and then entered Holy Cross College, from which he was graduated in 1899. He then entered the Grand Seminary, at Montreal, Canada, where he completed his theological course and was ordained at the Cathedral in Montreal in 1903. He was then assigned to the Cathedral at Springfield, Massachusetts. Next he went to Millville, Massachusetts; after a short time there he went to Brooklyn, New York, where he served for nine years, and later to Westboro. He was then transferred to the Church of the Holy Rosary at Holyoke, Massachusetts, and later to North Adams, where he remained six years. In July, 1917, he enlisted for service in the World War. He was commissioned chaplain, with the title of lieutenant, and assigned to the 41st Division, but was soon transferred to the 1st Army Headquarters in France, where he served until after the signing of the Armistice. Father McGourty gave himself whole-heartedly to the arduous duties of his post, and his genuine Christian faith, his innate kindness of heart, his quick sympathies, and his courage and cheerfulness enabled him to give most valuable and comforting service to those with whom he came in contact. He was mustered out of service at Camp Lee, in July, 1919. He then was assigned to St. Paul's, Worcester, where he served for three years; then to St. Peter's, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, where he served for two years; then to All Souls Church; Springfield, Massachusetts, where he remained until coming to his present church. In 1927 he was made pastor of and took charge of the Church of the Holy Angels, at Upton, where he is rendering service of a high order. While here he has had the church redecorated, had the exterior painted, put in new motor for the organ and made many other improvements. The parish has about four hundred souls. Father McGourty has the full con-

fidence and the hearty coöperation of his people and is highly respected in the community in general, regardless of religious affiliations.

AUSTIN PHELPS CRISTY—There is no better school in which to learn human nature and how it reacts to conditions than journalism. The graduate from this school is usually one of the most influential and powerful in the community of which he is a member and does great things to advance the interests of the municipality and its people. Austin Phelps Cristy received the Master's degree in journalism as the owner, publisher and the dominant force in the policy and achievements of the "Worcester Telegram" one of the notable newspapers of New England.

Austin Phelps Cristy was born in Morristown, Vermont, May 8, 1850, son of John Baker and Louisa Lydia (Cook) Cristy. He was educated in the grade schools, Reading High School, Monson (Massachusetts) Academy, from which he was graduated in 1869, and Dartmouth College, from which he received his Bachelor's degree in Arts, with the class of 1873. He read law, which was the custom when law schools were few and not of the best, and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar. For a time he practiced his profession in Springfield, then spent a year in Marblehead, both in Massachusetts, and in 1882 established a law office in Worcester. About this same time he was appointed assistant clerk of the Central District Court. He gave every evidence of becoming a skilled lawyer but was more interested in humanity and its ideas and activities than in the settlement of petty disputes. After two years he resigned his clerkship and entered the newspaper profession.

In November, 1884, Austin P. Cristy founded the "Sunday Telegram" in Worcester. Within two years he had won a following that led to the establishment of the "Daily Telegram," the first copy appearing on May 19, 1886. Until his retirement, thirty-five years later, he wielded a tremendous influence in civic, political and humanitarian affairs of Worcester and created an increasingly powerful paper whose reputation far exceeded its local fame. The Scotch come to America with a love of freedom, plenty of ambition, and the will to do, and forge ahead rapidly to places of importance in all walks of life. Mr. Cristy of Scotch ancestry, had inherited the best of their traits. He had an indomitable spirit, the love of a good and fair fight. There was something of the crusader in his make-up, and a kindly generosity which manifested itself not only in private philanthropies but in journalistic support of all worthy welfare and betterment projects. When, in November, 1919, he retired from the active direction of his newspaper enterprise, he had achieved a name that would long be respected, and a newspaper that was unique and outstanding in its day and generation. He was a Republican in his political faith, but the leaders of all parties sought his counsel and aid. Sports had a great appeal, and after his retirement he became keenly interested in thoroughbred horses.

Early in his career, Austin P. Cristy married (first) Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Mary (Paige) Bassett, of Ware, Massachusetts, who died in 1913. They were the parents of five children: 1. Horace W., educated at Worcester Classical High School and Dartmouth College; married Cairo C. Ellsworth, daughter of J. Lewis and Emma (Richmond) Ellsworth. 2. Austin Phelps, Jr., who was accidentally drowned at Chesterfield, New Hampshire, on June 17, 1902, three days previous to graduating from Dartmouth College. 3. Mary Lavinia, born in July, 1882, married Dr. Rufus Henry Gould. 4. Roger Henry, born in August, 1886, educated in Worcester schools and a military school at Ossining, New York. 5. Edna Virginia, born in August, 1888, a graduate of Bennett School, of New York. In 1915 Mr. Cristy married (second) Katherine V. Horan, daughter of John and Mary (Colbert) Horan.

The death of Mr. Cristy occurred on December 1, 1926, and his passing was sincerely mourned by the city and the State in which he had played so many and important rôles. Of the many tributes paid his career, the one most expressive of the general admiration in which he was held is that which follows from the testimonial of the employees of "The Telegram":

> Creator of Worcester's greatest newspaper, "The Worcester Telegram." Upbuilder of the largest inland manufacturing city of the world. Keeper of its integrity, guardian of its interests, impartial protector of the rights of its citizens. Seeker for truth and its consistent champion.
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> Thinker, man of genius and grit, of vision and of determination. Winner of hard fought battles in political arenas. Keen judge of men, hater of subterfuge, quick discerner of dishonesty, unprejudiced weigher of merits.
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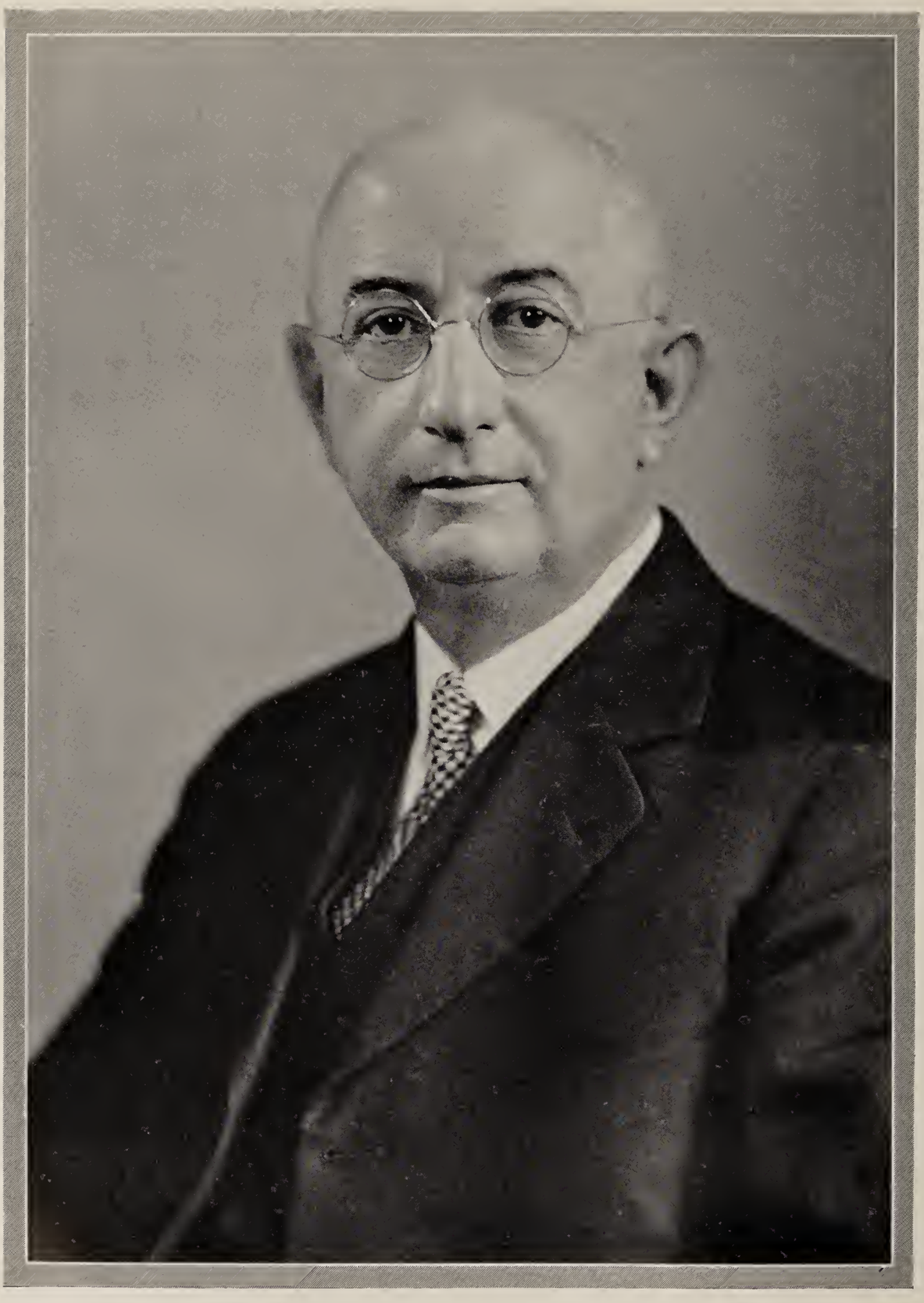
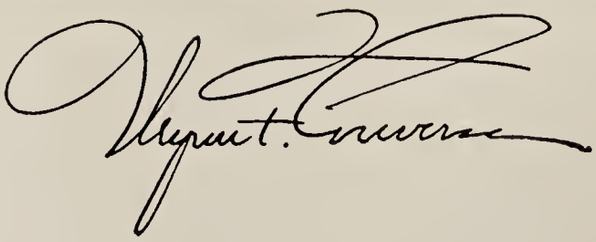
> Outstanding figure in journalism, resourceful, constructive, untiring, vigilant. Silent, sympathetic, powerful, yet merciful, just, yet lenient. Frankest of enemies, staunchest of friends.

JOSEPH H. HORAN, member of a well-known Worcester family, is one of the younger group of attorneys at the Worcester bar. His parents are Michael J. and Nora T. (Downes) Horan, the former born in County Limerick and the latter in County Clare, Ireland. They came in their youth to the United States and settled in Worcester. The father fought in the Spanish-American War as first sergeant of Company G, 9th Massachusetts Volunteers, and after the close of the war he became an active member of the Society of Spanish War Veterans. Upon his return to civilian life he was employed by the Osgood-Bradley Car Company in Worcester for a number of years, and also by the Worcester Board of Health for some time.

Born in Worcester, December 19, 1904, Joseph Henry Horan received his education in St. John's parochial schools in his native city and is a graduate of the grammar and high school courses. He entered Holy Cross College in 1922 and remained until 1925. His legal training was taken at Boston University Law School, where he was graduated Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1928. He was admitted in Worcester County to the Massachusetts bar and began practice in 1930. At first he was associated with Clarence E. Tupper for about one year and later for a similar period was with the claim department of the United States Casualty Company in Boston. Mr. Horan is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association, Division No. 3 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus, Holy Cross College Alumni Association, and Boston University Alumni Association. Mr. Horan's law office is at No. 311 Main Street, and his residence in Grout Court, Worcester.





CHARLES S. McMULLIN—Starting life as a salesman in a dry-goods store, before he came to Worcester, Charles S. McMullin, well known treasurer of the Leicester Savings Bank, was employed as auditor in the Hotel Bancroft here for three years. He obtained his first practical experience with financial matters during a connection with the bond department of the Merchants National Bank. In 1923 he was elected treasurer of the Leicester Savings Bank, reputed to be one of the strongest institutions of the kind in the county.

The Leicester Savings Bank was founded in April, 1869, by a group of substantial business men of that town. Its presidents have been: Cheney Hatch, 1869-79; Lory S. Watson, 1879-98; Dexter Knight, 1898-1902; Julis O. Murdock, 1902-08; Charles T. Monroe, 1908-12; Alonzo B. Davidson, 1912-30. The treasurers have been: D. E. Merriam, 1869-85; George H. Sprague, 1885-90; Parkman T. Denny, 1890-1911; Harold C. Murdock, 1911-23; Charles S. McMullin, 1923 to the present time. As of September 30, 1932, the totals of the assets and liabilities balanced at $2,059,778.19. The total of deposits on that date was $1,841,201.48, while the guaranty fund was $93,394. The institution is a mutual savings bank, operated for the benefit of the depositors. There are no stockholders. Out of the profits a surplus is accumulated to protect the depositors against all possible contingencies, the remainder of the profits being distributed to the depositors in the form of dividends.

Born in Watertown, New York, January 29, 1866, Charles S. McMullin is the son of Patrick and Jane (Snow) McMullin, both parents natives of Ellington, Connecticut, the father having died in 1874, after having pursued the business of a meatpacker for many years, and the mother in 1880. His academic education completed in the public schools, the son, Charles S., took a course in a business college and equipped himself for a business career. As already has been indicated, he was variously employed until he made his connection with the Leicester Savings Bank, where for more than ten years he has occupied the chief financial office, with no thought on the part of the trustees of making a change in the incumbent. During the World War he rendered patriotic service as a member of various government boards and committees and of relief agencies. He has resigned his membership in all clubs to which he had belonged, but retains his membership in the Congregational Church, of Leicester, in which organization he has filled a number of offices.

Mr. McMullin married, in 1898, Flora M. Estes, of Lynn, and their children are: 1. Charles E., born July 2, 1901. 2. Walter A., born September 21, 1908. The subject of this review has been identified in various phases with the progress of Leicester and has the respect and confidence of his banking associates and the townspeople generally.

MYRON FREDERICK CONVERSE, president of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank, is a familiar figure in American banking and a man of many activities in civic affairs of Worcester. Its citizens, public and private organizations, have honored him upon numerous occasions for his contributions to the progress both of Worcester and the State at large.

Mr. Converse was born in Worcester on November 27, 1876, a son of Frederick Samuel and Mary Chapin (Bond) Converse. By both branches he was descended from well known families of France and England, transplanted to this country in the early days of the Colonies, where they have taken a leading part in their respective communities.

The present head of the house belongs to the race of office boys who began literally at the bottom and now direct large affairs. Mr. Converse went from the Worcester public schools to the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank, where he began work on May 14, 1894.

In a short while the new boy was advanced to clerk, and in successive years elected to the offices of clerk of the corporation, assistant treasurer, treasurer, trustee and vice-president. Then, on June 28, 1927, the trustees named him president. In this position he has conducted the bank through the period of its greatest growth, coincident with an unequalled economic crisis.

Mr. Converse has served three different State banking organizations as president, in order as follows: 1923—Massachusetts Savings Bank Officers Club; 1925—Massachusetts Bankers Association; then as head of the Savings Banks Association of Massachusetts in 1932-33, Mr. Converse administered, during an unprecedented financial crisis, the operation of a banking group holding more than $2,000,000,000 of deposits, without loss to the 3,000,000 depositors. In his administration the Mutual Savings Central Fund, Inc., was established corresponding to a statewide clearing house for all the mutual savings banks of Massachusetts. It is looked upon as one of the principal contributions to American banking in recent years.

Mr. Converse has extensive interests in other directions, being president of the Worcester Street Railway Company; president of the Worcester Morris Plan Company; a director and member of the finance committee of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company; a director and member of the executive committee, Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and a director of the Mechanics National Bank, Worcester.

Aside from his part in business affairs, Mr. Converse is best known and, perhaps, finds his principal interest in the civic enterprises of Worcester. He is chairman of the Trust Funds of the City of Worcester, a member of the Worcester County Retirement Fund, a director of Worcester Hahnemann Hospital, a trustee of the Worcester Natural History Society, and for twenty-five years he has been a trustee of the Worcester County Mechanics Association and for some years served as its clerk and treasurer. As a trustee of the Proprietors of the Rural Cemetery in Worcester he has rendered service not alone as a member of its executive committee, but also as chairman of the committee charged with the responsibility of building in 1929 the Ellen Rogers Kennedy Memorial Chapel which is located immediately within the Cemetery Gates. The Worcester County Horticultural Society, for more than twenty years, has engaged the attention of Mr. Converse as a trustee and chairman of the finance committee. Since December 5, 1923, he has served as president of this organization. In 1927 a suitable building with appropriate equipment—the handiwork of his thought and attention—was constructed by the society, whose flower

shows and lectures are among the events of first importance in the community.

His other affiliations include fraternal organizations, as a member of Morning Star Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; a trustee of the Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; and trustee of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Turning to a second fraternal group it is seen that Mr. Converse is included in the membership and is a trustee of Worcester Lodge, No. 56, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a director of the Odd Fellows Charitable Association, of which he formerly was treasurer.

Another of his affiliations is the Worcester Club, of which he is past treasurer. He likewise has filled that post for the Worcester Country Club and is a charter member and past president of the Worcester Rotary Club, a director of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Worcester Economic Club and of the Tatnuck Country Club. He is a communicant of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church and formerly was treasurer of that body.

On October 15, 1932, Mr. Converse was married to Anna Woodbury Shattuck, daughter of the late Josiah Brittan Shattuck and Mrs. Shattuck. Their marriage brought together two of the oldest of Worcester families, both of them with rich legends formed about Brittan Square, where the Brittan homestead stands. Their home, formerly the estate of Mr. Converse's maternal ancestors, on Lincoln Street nearby, retains the atmosphere of early New England. Mrs. Converse is active in the Junior League and welfare activities of the city.

The Converse family brought to America a heritage of accomplishment. Originally this house sprang from Navarre, then a kingdom, but now a part of France. The family was staunchly Huguenot and several members figured in events immediately concerned with the massacre of St. Bartholomew on August 24, 1572.

In the midst of this tragical scene a few members of the Converse family escaped across the Channel, where they established the English branch and continued to live until the settlement of America. Then, moved by a spirit of enterprise, Deacon Edward Convers, as the name was spelled, started for the new land. There is evidence that he lived in Wakerly, county of Northampton.

He was one of the Puritans who came to this country in the fleet of Governor Winthrop. Sarah, the wife of Edward Convers, accompanied him with their three children, Josiah, James and Mary. They reached Salem on June 12, 1630, and soon afterward settled in Charlestown.

There are numerous records of Deacon Convers. In the beginning he adhered to the First Church of Boston, but joined with thirty-three other members to establish the First Church of Charlestown, which they agreed to do the 2d of November, 1632. The Deacon opened the first ferry from Charlestown to Boston, which he operated until 1640, when the lease was set aside for the support of Harvard College.

The same year it was proposed to found a new town that became Woburn, and Deacon Convers retired as selectman of Charlestown, a post which he had held five years, to join in the plan. At first the community was known as Charlestown Village, two miles square. Later the area was increased to four miles and embraced the latter day territory of Woburn, Winchester, Wilmington and Burlington. There the Deacon built the first house, prior to January 4, 1641. Another church was founded, under his direction, and Woburn was incorporated in 1642. Next the Deacon proceeded to build a mill and to organize the community. He was one of the first selectmen, elected in 1644, and continued in that capacity until May, 1663; likewise he was a deputy to the General Court. Among other honors he was a tithing man and one of the two deacons originally elected by the Woburn Church.

The Deacon lived until August 10, 1663, and in his will mentioned his sons, Josiah, James and Samuel; Edward, the son of James; his daughter Mary and the children by her first marriage; a "kinsman, Allen Convers"; another "kinsman, John Parker" and his "kinswoman, Sarah Smith."

Nothing is known concerning Allen Convers except that he lived in Salem where land was granted to him in 1639. Three years later he was in Woburn and died there April 19, 1679. Meanwhile Joseph Convers appeared in Bedford and various other members were active throughout the Colony. The name was prominent in the Revolution and the formation of the new nation. Just when the present day spelling of Converse was substituted for the old form cannot be positively stated, but the usage brought about this change some time before the nineteenth century.

Brigham Converse who descended through James, son of Deacon Edward Convers, was born in Charlton, Massachusetts, February 25, 1815, and died in Worcester, December 16, 1890. One son, Frederick Samuel Converse, was born in Worcester, August 5, 1849, and died May 13, 1901. He married Mary Chapin Bond. Respectively they were the father and mother of Myron F. Converse.

Another old New England family on his paternal side is that of the Putnams, while on the maternal side will be found the Bond and Barber families, which likewise are closely connected with the early history of Worcester, both city and county.

CHARLES WATSON BOWKER, JR.—For a number of years, Charles W. Bowker, Jr., has engaged in the real estate business and as a tax consultant with offices in Worcester. His clientage has shown steady increase in volume and value as knowledge of his expert services has reached greater numbers of people in the city and county.

Mr. Bowker's parents, Charles Watson and Susan (Baker) Bowker, natives of Massachusetts, lived in Royalston, Worcester County, where the father owned and operated a stock farm. He was also a hay and grain merchant in Worcester. He died in 1919.

Charles Watson Bowker, Jr., was born in Royalston, September 11, 1888, and received his preliminary and preparatory education in the public schools of Worcester. He was graduated from the Classical High School in 1906, and took post-graduate work there one year. As a Bachelor of Arts he was graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of 1911. After graduation he entered the hay and grain business, in which he remained until 1922. There followed two years as a flour merchant, and in 1924 he established himself as a realtor, continuing as such since. He also specializes as a real estate tax consultant.

He has always taken a keen interest in the affairs of his *alma mater* and is a member of Dartmouth Club of Worcester, of which he is a past president, and he is a member of the University Club of Worcester. He is affiliated with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is an enthusiast about horticulture and the growing of flowers.

Mr. Bowker married, September 12, 1914, Dorothy White, of Yonkers, New York, and they had one child, Charles Watson, 3d, who died May 12, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Bowker have their residence at No. 22 Melrose Street, and his real estate offices are at No. 340 Main Street, Worcester, in the State Mutual Building.

ANDREW G. STANHOPE—After experimenting a number of years in different occupations, always with an eye to his goal, Andrew G. Stanhope realized his ambition of becoming an orchardist. Collecting parcels of land in the town of Oxford, he brought together a tract of five hundred acres, which he has developed into the largest fruit orchard in Worcester County and one of the largest in New England. His business headquarters are in the State Mutual Building, Worcester, where he does a large real estate business.

Born in Vermont, July 1, 1869, Andrew G. Stanhope is the son of Samuel S. and Lutheria (Stanhope) Stanhope, both parents natives of the Green Mountain State and both deceased in 1918. His father was a farmer. Having received his education in the public schools, Mr. Stanhope came to Worcester in 1887 at the age of eighteen years. His progressiveness and energy were manifested that early in life when he established a milk route. He later engaged in the butter and egg business, eventually also dealing in horses and poultry. Gradually he accumulated clients in a real estate business and he became one of the first tenants in the State Mutual Building, occupying a suite of offices on the fifth floor. He never rested content, however, until he saw the results of his hard work and perseverance crystallized in his Oxford fruit tract. Great credit is due him for arriving at the status of being one of the leading authorities in the country on the subject of fruit-growing. He is also recognized as one of the most important farmers in Worcester County, and the products of his orchard are receiving throughout the United States the recognition their high quality and excellent packing merit. He is a member and past president of the Oxford Agricultural Association.

At one time affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, subordinate lodge and the canton, he served the former as Vice-Noble Grand and Noble Grand and thus became a member of the Worcester Past Grands Association. He is also a member and former president of the Harvest Club and a member of the Commonwealth Club and Economic Club.

Mr. Stanhope married, in 1910, Celia N. Kendall, of Boylston, and they maintain a country home on their estate in Oxford.

THOMAS JOSEPH BARRY—Through the medium of his law practice, Thomas J. Barry, of Whitinsville, is making his way to the front rank of the younger group of bar leaders in Worcester County. Mr. Barry comes of a professional family. His father, Dr. Emmett W. Barry, was born in Blackstone, Massachusetts, and was graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School. He has been in practice in Whitinsville for thirty-four years, being also the physician of the Whitin Machine Works, having charge of the company's hospital. He is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, Worcester County Medical Society and American Medical Association. His fraternal affiliations include the Knights of Columbus, United Workmen of the World, Order of Foresters, and Ancient Order of Hibernians. He married Catherine M. Brady, who was born in Harrisville, Rhode Island.

Thomas Joseph Barry, son of Dr. Emmett W. and Catherine M. (Brady) Barry, was born in Whitinsville, May 7, 1903, and received his preliminary education in the local public schools, graduating from the Northbridge High School in 1921. He next entered Boston College, where he won his Bachelor of Arts, graduating in the class of 1926. His professional training was received at the Boston University Law School, which made him a Bachelor of Laws at graduation in 1929. He passed his bar examination and was admitted to practice in 1930. Opening his own office in Whitinsville, he has since been building up a gratifyingly large practice. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and the Southern Worcester County Bar Association. Having served as lecturer in the Knights of Columbus in 1931 to fill a vacancy, he was formally elected to this post in 1932.

Mr. Barry married, October 18, 1930, Mary L. McTiernan, of Milford, Massachusetts. They have three children.

EDWARD H. GAUDETTE—From grocer's clerk, to a clerkship in a railroad office, to a position in a banking institution, and thence into a merchandising occupation, Edward H. Gaudette made successive steps until he became a representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York in Spencer. He is also in high political favor in his town, holding the office of treasurer of the municipality.

Athanase Gaudette, father of the town treasurer, was born in Canada, of French descent. He came to Spencer and was assistant foreman of the Bigwood woolen mill for a number of years. He is now retired. He married Mary Mayo, born in South Spencer.

Edward H. Gaudette was born in Spencer, March 5, 1899, and received his education in public and parochial schools in this town. His first business position, taken in his youth, was that of clerk in a local grocery. In 1917 he accepted a place as clerk in the freight office of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company at Spencer and was there until 1920. In the latter year he accepted a position as teller in the Spencer National Bank and filled it for six years. In 1927 he entered business on his own account, establishing a store for the selling at retail of women's ready-to-wear garments and was thus engaged until 1930, in which year he disposed of the store. In 1929 he became associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York and has since given the major part of his time to this line of work in which he has been successful. His election to the office of

town treasurer was first achieved in March, 1927, and he has been reëlected each succeeding year. He is affiliated with L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique.

Mr. Gaudette married, September 27, 1926, Evelyn A. Duhamel, of Spencer, and their children are: Roland Edward and Richard Leo.

FAYETTE ASERYL AMIDON—In the days when the owning and racing of finely bred horses was one of the important interests of the gentlemen of Worcester, the late Fayette Aseryl Amidon was one of the leaders in this "sport of kings." The fact that he was equally prominent as a business man, as one of the pioneers in the chain-store method of selling, and a man generous and active in the promotion of civic and welfare projects was sometimes overlooked by those of the passing generation. He was born in Belchertown, Massachusetts, July 13, 1862, son of Edmund Perry and Sophia Olive (Shumway) Amidon.

The public schools of Belchertown and the Palmer High School furnished him with an education, but he was still a youth when he went into the retail butter and egg business in New Haven. Here he remained for two years, before going to Manchester, New Hampshire, to work for a Mr. Pike in the public market. In 1893 Mr. Amidon organized a marketing firm in association with O. Swanson, George H. Pettie, and George T. Malmstead, which began to operate what soon amounted to a chain of produce and general markets in Providence, Pawtucket and Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and Worcester, Massachusetts. This combination at one time controlled seven different establishments. From 1895 on Mr. Amidon centered his attention upon the Worcester link of this marketing chain and continued to do so until his retirement from active business in 1927.

A love of the land and of horses was one of the outstanding traits of character of Mr. Amidon. He owned a large farm, "Stonebrook," in Auburn, Massachusetts, where he kept and bred horses, racing and driving stock. The blood of one of his stallions, "Peter the Hermit," runs in the veins of many fast track horses. "Watercress" was another blooded animal who, with Adrian Van Houton holding the reins, won many a race. In combination with a small group of men, Mr. Amidon purchased the Oxford Fair Grounds and developed it as a race track to be a member of the Mohawk Circuit, holding race meets in August. He was president of the Indian Lake Driving Club and a member of the State Circuit, which held its annual race meet on the Greendale track in July. As president of the Speedway club and a member of the race committee of the new England Fair, he contributed greatly to the success of this annual event. A sport of an earlier day in Worcester and one which he helped to promote, was races on the snow, a most picturesque and popular feature of former winter pleasures. Park Avenue was usually the scene of these runs, and the "snow path" extended from Russell Street to near the present site of the Motor Registry. Mr. Amidon was a pioneer of this sport and greatly in his element when the season came around. He was a popular figure in the Chamber of Commerce, the City Club, the Agricultural Society and the Country Club, all of Worcester. He was an active member of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, serving on its official board and several important committees.

Fayette Aseryl Amidon died on March 30, 1930, at the age of sixty-eight years. He married Lucy Ellen Higgins, daughter of Charles Higgins, now the only surviving member of the family. To those who knew Mr. Amidon, either socially or in business, he was an exceptionally loveable man, kind-hearted and companionable. His mind was stored with the events of his varied career, and it was a rare pleasure to listen to his reminiscences. The world was the better and happier for his life and career. Of the many tributes paid his memory, the simplest was the most expressive, consisting of resolutions passed by employees who worshipped him as an employer, friend and man. To quote a paragraph: "Of a quiet and retiring disposition, he enjoyed the esteem of his associates and the confidence of his subordinates. . . . He was the kind of man one turns to when in need of assistance, and it can be said that no one worthy of help ever appealed to him in vain."

HARMAR MORSE—Like his father and ancestors, Harmar Morse, of Clinton and Lancaster, Worcester County, has combined success in business with a helpful interest in civic enterprise. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1887, a son of George F. and Mary Emma (Harmar) Morse, his father being a native of Clinton, Massachusetts, and his mother being of Philadelphia birth. George F. Morse, after some years' activities as an agriculturist, removed to Lancaster in about 1884 and entered intimately into the life of the town. He was a selectman, a trustee of the Clinton Savings Bank, and contributed importantly to the development of the place. He died on December 10, 1923, Mrs. Morse passing away on September 5, 1929. They were the parents of three children: 1. George F. Morse, Jr., of Chicago, Illinois, well known curator of zoölogical gardens and aquariums and a lecturer. 2. Josephine, now the wife of George A. True, of St. Simon's Island, Georgia. 3. Harmar Morse, the subject of this review.

Harmar Morse attended the Lancaster public schools and was prepared for college in Phillips-Exeter Academy, graduating with the class of 1906. He then matriculated at Harvard University, from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1910. College days over, Mr. Morse took up banking as a profession and means of livelihood and has continued more or less along this line since 1910. He is now executive vice-president of the Clinton Trust Company. His headquarters are in Lancaster. He has the well-rounded man's interest in his community and in quiet fashion early began to play rôles in its progress. He has been a member of the school committee for two terms. In March, 1932, he was elected to the board of selectmen and was made its chairman a year later. Fraternally Harmar Morse is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Trinity Lodge of Clinton. He attends the Unitarian Church at Lancaster.

On September 2, 1911, Harmar Morse married Ruth Osborne Burton, of Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Morse maintain a summer home at Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

Charles B. Boyce

CHARLES BLANCHARD BOYCE was born December 13, 1854, at Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, the second son of William Bowen and Lydia (Blanchard) Boyce.

He was graduated from the University of Michigan, Law Department, June 30, 1887, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and was admitted to practice in the courts of Michigan in the same year. He came to Gardner in 1888 and was appointed clerk of the First District Court of Northern Worcester on December 26, 1889, which position he held until retired by law, December 13, 1924. He was appointed probation officer of the said court on July 1, 1891. He was admitted to practice as an attorney and counsellor at law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1890 and since January 1, 1925, has been engaged in the active practice of law with offices in the First National Bank Building in Gardner.

He is a Past Master of Hope Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; a Past Patron of Jessamine Chapter, No. 75, Order of Eastern Star; a member of Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 46; Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Lawrence Chapter of Rose Croix; and is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to the Massachusetts Consistory of Scottish Rite Bodies in Boston. He is a member of the Gardner Bar Association, Worcester County Bar Association and a director of the Gardner Home for Elderly People.

On his father's side he was descended from Joseph Boyce, born in England about 1609, who came from London November 20, 1635, by boat "Expedition" to Barbados and was living in that part of Salem now Peabody as early as 1639. Joseph Boyce was a tanner by trade and early became associated with the Quakers. On his mother's side he was descended from Simon Stone, who came from England in 1635 and settled in Watertown, Massachusetts.

He married Emma Elizabeth Hadley on June 26, 1907, at Gardner, where they have since resided.

THOMAS E. HOLLAND—The reputation of the city of Worcester as regards its parks and recreational facilities is in a measure due to the activities of Thomas E. Holland, exective officer of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Almost from the time that he completed his schooling, Mr. Holland has devoted his time and attention to social work, the encouragement of sports and the play spirit in the young. His elevation to his present position was but the recognition of his achievements and abilities. He is a native of Chicopee, Massachusetts, born July 4, 1873, a son of Thomas and Ellen (Curran) Holland, both of Massachusetts birth. Like many who have attained prominence in urban affairs, Thomas E. Holland was reared on a farm, and laid there the foundations of the physique and spirit which has been of so much advantage in his career.

After graduating from the Springfield, Massachusetts, High School, Mr. Holland was an athletic coach in several institutions of learning and athletic clubs. He was a fast runner, particularly at the half and mile distances, and had an all 'round ability which made him outstanding. In 1910 when the Worcester playgrounds movement started, he was made the director of the Greenwood grounds. He proved so successful that in 1912 he was made assistant supervisor of the city playgrounds, and a year later was chosen to serve as supervisor, acting as such until 1917. In 1917 two boards of the municipal government were consolidated to form what is known as the Park and Recreation Commission, and Mr. Holland was appointed the executive officer of the commission, in charge of the parks, playgrounds, forestry, golf and local moth superintendent. Mr. Holland has made a comprehensive study of his work and has introduced many improvements in ideas, programs and methods.

Mr. Holland has devoted himself so completely to his work that it has almost excluded other activities. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and was the chairman of its building committee.

On October 15, 1913, Mr. Holland married Ella T. McNulty, of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Holland reside at No. 65 Chatham Street, Worcester.

COSIMO J. TOSCANO—One of the younger set of lawyers, Cosimo J. Toscano, of Worcester, is rapidly attaining a high place in the esteem of his professional colleagues and the citizens of Italian origin of the municipality. He is the son of Antonio and Josephine (Martino) Toscano, his father being a native of Italy who came to America in his youth and after varied experiences in making a livelihood, settled in Worcester. Here he has risen to prominence in mercantile circles and is considered one of the progressive residents of the community. Mrs. Toscano was living in Westerly, Rhode Island, when she met the man whom she later married.

Cosimo J. Toscano was educated in the public schools of Worcester, the city in which he was born December 29, 1906. He is a graduate of Belmont Grammar School, 1921, and of North High School, 1925. Matriculating at the Suffolk Law School, he was graduated in 1929, and admitted to the bar of Worcester County on April 23, 1930. Mr. Toscano at once began the general practice of law and quickly built up a large clientele. He is a student by taste and natural gifts and has established a reputation for sound judgment, skill and extreme care in his handling of cases. He has specialized upon the legal needs of the Italian and other Mediterranean peoples of the city, and has drawn to himself a loyal and large following. Mr. Toscano is a member of the Worcester County Bar Society and the Massachusetts State Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus; the Sons of Italy; the Beato Angelo Di Acri; and he has been the treasurer for four years of the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Always interested in politics, Mr. Toscano is active in the councils and the campaigns of the Republican party in his ward. He is an out-of-doors man, a lover of the woods, and has a camping organization which has a large camp known as "Half Moon Cove."

E. EDGAR MILES—Engaged in publishing and manufacturing enterprises in Lancaster, E. Edgar Miles was one of his community's highly respected citizens and accomplished much for its advancement and the promotion of the general good. He had been given positions of leadership

and trust, in which he faithfully served the interests of his town and State.

Mr. Miles was born at Summerhill, New York, on August 7, 1859, son of William and Electa Cornelia (Fuller) Miles, natives of New York State. His father was a farmer by occupation. E. Edgar Miles, of whom this is primarily a record, received his early education at Locke and Moravia, New York, and attended Battle Creek College, at Battle Creek, Michigan. He then taught in country schools, served as principal of a school at Rome, New York, and in 1886 settled at Lancaster, Massachusetts, where he became associated with South Lancaster Academy, now the Atlantic Union College, as head of the history and Bible departments, subsequently engaging in the work of organizing its publication sales unit.

In 1892 he compiled and published a vest pocket dictionary which has had a very wide sale. It was, in fact, the project that led to his establishing his publishing business for which he received much credit, having started from a small beginning and developed into large proportions. He published diaries, photograph and autograph albums, scrapbooks, memorandum books, household memorandum pads and a number of other items in a modern and completely equipped plant. He employed about one hundred and sixty persons, eighty-seven of whom were students at Atlantic Union College and South Lancaster Academy. His business provided these students with a means of working their way through college, the establishment being known as the E. E. Miles Student Bindery, which became affiliated with the college as an industrial department. It is interesting to note that Mr. Miles operated this bindery for thirty years without once denying a regular employee his full time schedule, and that he always managed to meet his financial obligations without incurring debts. During this long period hundreds of students have been benefited by being in the employ of Mr. Miles, many now being found in all parts of the world as missionaries and valuable citizens. His interest in education was an important factor in his choice of this particular business for which his record harmonizes in every respect with the high principles he professed, and his influence, through his contacts with the younger generation, was multiplied many times.

He was a member of the board of trustees of Atlantic Union College. He was also a member of the executive committee of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, as well as a member of the Southern New England Conference Committee. Soon after returning from college, Mr. Miles became a minister of the Seventh Day Adventist denomination and he continued as an elder until his death, at which time he was helping to further education by erecting a science building as a donation to Atlantic Union College. It may be seen from his record that he was a consistent leader and that he performed much work of value to Lancaster, Worcester County, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the cause of education as a whole.

E. Edgar Miles married (first), in June, 1882, Ruth Cutler, of Moravia, New York. Their children were six in number: 1. Carroll C., of Leominster, a manufacturer, and father of one son, Carroll C., Jr. 2. Myrtle E., wife of Myron M. Cross, of South Lancaster, and mother of one son, Merrill Miles Cross, a medical student at the University of Vermont. 3. Dr. S. Herbert, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Columbia University, New York City, and now a practicing physician at Olive View, California, he is the father of one daughter, Ruth Jane. 4. Walter E., superintendent and business manager of the E. E. Miles Bindery at South Lancaster. 5. Gerald E., now teaching science and mathematics in the academy of the Atlantic Union College and father of two children, Elmer Edgar and Bethel Ruth. 6. Inez R., wife of Ezra Longway, now engaged in missionary work at Shanghai, China; and mother of five children: Eva, Myrtle, Delbert, Ralph and David.

Five years after the death of his first wife Mr. Miles married (second), in January, 1910, Martha V. Lord, of Worcester. She was a widow and the mother, by her former marriage, of three children, all of whom are married: Perley P. Lord and Mrs. Blanche E. (Lord) Sevrens, of South Lancaster, and Mrs. Muriel W. (Lord) Gilbert, of Hudson, mother of one daughter, Anita Claire.

Mr. Miles' death occurred at his home on Mill Street, South Lancaster, July 15, 1933. The concluding remarks of his funeral service give the following impressive and inspiring description of Mr. Miles' outstanding characteristics: "His ceaseless efforts and untiring energy in advancing the cause of God; his sacrifice of personal financial gain for education; his gifts of many thousands of dollars to denominational work; the absolute reliableness of his word; his sterling integrity."

CARLETON AMERICUS FLETCHER, D. D. S.—In many departments of Worcester County life, Carleton Americus Fletcher, D. D. S., has taken an active part. In addition to his professional work as a dentist, in which he has continued for many years, he has been a leader in banking enterprises and in public undertakings and office.

Dr. Fletcher, who lives at Baldwinsville, was born on December 2, 1877, at Athol, son of Americus V. and Emeline (Peckham) Fletcher. His father is now deceased, as is the mother, both having passed from this life in 1905. Americus V. Fletcher, a tinsmith by trade, was also a native of Athol; and he and his brother were for many years widely known as pump manufacturers. Their special style of pump was patented in 1869, and the business, at first conducted as A. V. and A. F. Fletcher, afterward came to be known as the Athol Pump Company.

In public and high schools at Athol, his birthplace, Carleton Americus Fletcher, of whom this is primarily a record, received his early education, finishing preliminary studies in 1896. In 1899 he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, a Doctor of Dental Surgery. Beginning his active practice of dentistry immediately thereafter, Dr. Fletcher established headquarters in the same offices in which he still performs his professional work.

Early he began to show interest in business and civic life, becoming a trustee and clerk of the Templeton Savings Bank, of Baldwinsville. He is now also president of the Baldwinsville Coöperative Bank, which was originally incorporated on July 16, 1889. The institution furnishes an opportunity for thousands of people to establish savings

accounts and pays profits through a dividend system. Dr. Fletcher is justly proud of the record of the Baldwinsville Coöperative Bank, which is one of a type of institution that, throughout the country, has a fine record of financial service and achievement.

Dr. Fletcher has been a leader in still other activities, some of them of a civic nature. Continuously from 1908 to 1922 he was town clerk of Baldwinsville and from 1910 to 1922 tax collector. He retains an honorary post in the town government down to the time of writing. Since 1908 he has been a notary public and for several years he was a justice of the peace. He also served as Baldwinsville reporter on the Worcester "Telegram" and Boston "Globe" news staffs. At one time he was local editor of the Worcester "West Chronicle." As a young man, Dr. Fletcher played in a band. He was for several years active in the insurance business and from 1912 to 1926 conducted a general store, which he sold in the latter year.

Along with his other affiliations, he is a member of the Narragansett Historical Society and the Poquoig Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons, he is connected with a number of branches of the order, including both York and Scottish Rite bodies; holds the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and is an initiate in Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he is affiliated with Narragansett Lodge, in which he is a Past Grand. He is also active in the Order of Rebekahs. For three years during the World War period a corporal in Company C, 18th Regiment, Massachusetts State Guards, he was honorably discharged in 1919. Each of the organizations and branches of Massachusetts life with which Dr. Fletcher has been concerned has in some definite way gained from his participation in its affairs. In his spare time, he has devoted a great deal of attention to outdoor recreational pursuits, particularly baseball, football and bowling.

Dr. Carleton Americus Fletcher married (first), in 1901, Elizabeth Lloyd, of Athol, who died in 1903. He married (second), in 1905, Hattie Bixley Leland, daughter of Louis and Anna (Bixley) Leland, both of whom are now deceased. The children of this marriage were: Leland C., Edith E. and Louis H.

HENRY ADAMS ALLEN—The city auditor of Worcester, Massachusetts, Henry Adams Allen, is well and favorably known in the municipality both for the years he has spent in public service and for the efficiency and success of that service. He is of Manchester, New Hampshire, birth, the son of Joseph Cutler and Joanna Eliza (Bullard) Allen, the former a native of Vermont, and the latter of Massachusetts, and both bearing names that are old in the history of New England. His father was for many years engaged in the textile industry at Manchester.

Henry Adams Allen was born March 31, 1876, and attended the public schools of his birth city. He later was graduated from Worcester High School, 1894, and then began his business career. The first four years were spent at various occupations and in May, 1898, he entered the Sewer Department of the city of Worcester. For twenty-three years he served as clerk of this department. In July, 1921, he was elected by the Worcester Council to the city auditorship, to which post he has been reëlected every three years since that time. At the time of this writing Mr. Allen has been in the service of the municipality for thirty-five years, and is recognized not only as one of the most faithful and devoted of officials, but among the most able and progressive.

Mr. Allen is quite as successful as a civic-minded citizen as public official. He has always been active in projects which make for the advancement of Worcester and the welfare of its people. He has identified himself with many phases of its life and affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Worcester Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar. He is a popular figure in the Rotary and the Republican clubs. Along the line of his profession he is a member and second vice-president of the International Association of Municipal Finance Officers, and was first vice-president in 1933, and in 1934 president of this important organization. With his family, Mr. Allen attends the First Baptist Church, of which he is clerk.

On June 17, 1902, Mr. Allen married Eleanor Gertrude Drake, of Worcester, and they are the parents of a daughter, Ardis Eleanor, a junior in Mt. Holyoke College at this writing.

JOHN WILLIAM BUTLER—Superintendent of the Worcester Safe Deposit Vaults, Inc., of Worcester, Massachusetts, John William Butler has served in this position since 1920. He came to Worcester after many years with the American Express Company in northern New England and in the last decade has witnessed a remarkable development of the enterprise with which he is now connected.

Mr. Butler was born in Keene, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, on September 12, 1868, a son of Parker Clark and Frances Ann (Waldron) Butler, both descended of old New Hampshire families. Mrs. Butler's mother's name was Randall. She was a member of the old family of that name of Syracuse, New York. Captain John Butler, a direct ancestor, served in the Revolutionary War. John Butler, grandfather of John William Butler, lived and died in New Hampshire. He married Susan Harriet Alexander, of a prominent pioneer family in this State. One of its members, Grace Alexander, was a cashier in the Winchester National Bank. Parker Clark Butler had two brothers and one sister: John L. Butler, who served in the New Hampshire Legislature for several terms; Charles H., a farmer; Harriet, wife of Farnum F. Lane, noted New Hampshire lawyer. Parker Clark Butler was assessor and member of the city council at Keene, New Hampshire. He was a carpenter by trade, and about 1890 came to Worcester, where he made his home thereafter. For a time he was foreman for the R. C. Taylor Real Estate Company here. Parker Clark Butler and Frances Ann (Waldron) Butler had two children: John William, the subject of this sketch, and Frank S., who is a trustee of the R. C. Taylor estate.

John William Butler received his education in Keene schools, including the high school. On the

completion of his academic training he became associated with the American Express Company, with which he remained for twenty-eight years. Starting as clerk in the office at Keene, New Hampshire, he was later advanced to more responsible positions. He served as route agent for this same company from Burlington to Boston and was agent in several cities of different times. Although he was considered a valuable member of the organization and liked his position, yet Mr. Butler resigned in 1920 to accept his present position in Worcester, Massachusetts, as superintendent of the Worcester Safe Deposit Vaults, Incorporated. He was led to make this change primarily in order that he might be near his mother in Worcester. Mr. Butler has met the duties of his office in this bank with efficiency and success and has seen the vaults grow to twice the size they were when he took charge.

Apart from his business connections, Mr. Butler has been active in other phases of Worcester life. He served for a time in the Worcester Light Infantry. Fraternally he is affiliated with Humane Lodge, No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons at Rochester, New Hampshire, and in this order is also a member of various higher bodies, including Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. He is fond of outdoor life, and his favorite recreation is fishing.

On January 2, 1902, John William Butler married Ora B. McDuffee, of Rochester, New Hampshire. They maintain their residence in Worcester at No. 2 Hammond Street.

J. EDWARD FULLER—It is sometimes said that outstanding ability in one line of activity is seldom passed down from father to son. Even if this be true philosophy, there are too many exceptions. Those familiar with the annals of building operations in New England during the closing decades of the last century know that James Fuller, of Worcester, was one of the best known architects of that period. His son, J. Edward Fuller, also a resident of Worcester but with offices in Boston, although only for a short while associated with his father in business, followed his father's footsteps so far as profession went, but has made advances far beyond the expectation of either.

J. Edward Fuller was born at Athol, Massachusetts, October 28, 1865, the son of James and Clara D. (Gould) Fuller, both of whom were natives of Warwick, Massachusetts, and members of old New England families. As indicated, his father was one of the best known architects in New England, who died in 1901. The son attended the public schools of Worcester, where his family came to live, and was graduated from Worcester High School with the class of 1884. He then matriculated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, from which he was graduated four years later. He spent a year with his father to familiarize himself with the practical side of the making of plans, specifications, and to gain experience under the tutelage of a master architect. J. Edward Fuller did not intend to further his career through the influence and aid of his father, and after these short months of training went with the Darling Brothers of Worcester and was employed as superintendent of the construction of the Worcester Theatre. He then became associated with J. G. Vaudreuil, contractor and builder, remaining for two years.

In 1890, Mr. Fuller removed to Chicago, Illinois, to work for George A. Fuller, remaining in the city for three years during which he had an important part in the construction of two very large buildings, the Columbus Memorial and the Women's Temple. Returning to Worcester, in 1893, he entered upon a partnership with J. G. Vaudreuil, of that city, under the firm name of the Vaudreuil-Fuller Company, and became established in his reputation as one of the leading builders of this part of the State. In 1896, Mr. Fuller set up in business for himself under the title, J. Edward Fuller, Jr., and during the next five years constructed the South High School, and many other buildings in the municipality and county. In 1901 he went with the George A. Fuller Company, first to Pittsburgh in charge of two of its important works, and later to New York City as assistant general superintendent. A year later he was made the manager of the Albany, New York, office of the corporation, and in 1902 came to Boston as assistant to the manager of that department of the company, and was chosen manager in 1904. Since 1911, J. Edward Fuller has been the vice-president and a director of the George A. Fuller Company, general contractors. This is one of the largest and best known of the American contracting corporations, and has offices in every large city east of the Mississippi, and in Montreal, Canada.

Along with the responsibilities of his business, Mr. Fuller is a leader in many other groups, business, civic, and social in nature. He is a director of the Insurance Building Corporation and a member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons. Among his clubs are the Worcester, Worcester Country; the Whitehall and the Lawyers' clubs of New York.

On April 18, 1895, Mr. Fuller married Maude L. Knowlton, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Frances A., who married Charles T. Halloway, and is the mother of two daughters and a son. 2. Virginia L., the wife of Howard W. Marshall, a builder of Newton Center, Massachusetts. As is to be expected, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Fuller live in a beautiful home of his own planning at No. 18 Brattle Street, Worcester, situated on an estate which was part of an old homestead. Here Mr. Fuller gives rein to one of his hobbies, gardening and landscaping, and has developed one of the show places of Worcester.

GEORGE SAWYER STONE—As treasurer of the Templeton Savings Bank, of Baldwinsville, George Sawyer Stone has contributed substantially to his community, to Worcester County, and to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. His services in both business and civic realms have been extensive, as well as useful and satisfying.

Mr. Stone was born in February 3, 1866, in the town of Templeton, son of E. Wyman and Berdille (Sawyer) Stone, both of whom were also natives of Templeton. The father was an accountant by profession, continuing his work until his death in 1903; he was also trustee and auditor for the Templeton Savings Bank. The mother passed from this life in 1918.

George Sawyer Stone received his early education in the public and high schools of Templeton,

Edward Fuller

later, in 1886, being graduated from Massachusetts State College with the degree of Bachelor of Science. For thirty years thereafter he was a farmer and retail milk dealer, though he by no means confined his efforts to these activities, but figured more and more prominently, as time went on, in the general civic and political life of his community, having been town assessor from 1913 to 1916.

It was in 1917 that he came to the Templeton Savings Bank as its treasurer, in which position he has continued since that time. He has had much to do, in these years, with the development and growth of the bank and the enhancing of its usefulness to the community that it serves. This institution, established in 1871, has a fine history and tradition; and at the time of writing its deposits total $800,000, and its total assets $878,000. Its president is William P. Hawley; its treasurer, Mr. Stone; and its vice-presidents, Thomas J. Symons, Allen A. Bronsdon, and Ralph Kenney. The trustees of the bank are, in addition to these five officers, W. P. Abbott, C. A. Fletcher, George H. Hadley, F. L. Hager, J. E. Murphy, W. A. Jones, C. W. Nichols, D. M. O'Leary, P. H. Reed, Louis Starkey, and F. E. Johnson.

Along with his work in the banking and business life of Baldwinsville, Mr. Stone has taken part in civic affairs, having done everything in his power to aid in projects for community advancement. For six years he was a member of the Baldwinsville School Board and for four years collector of taxes. In March, 1932, he was elected town moderator, to serve a one-year term, and was reëlected for another one-year term in March, 1933. For fifteen years he served as a trustee of the Public Library of Templeton. He is also a member of the Narragansett Historical Society and the Sons of Veterans, his membership in the veterans' organization coming as a result of his father's distinguished service in the Union Army in the Civil War. His father, E. Wyman Stone, referred to above, enlisted as a private in the Massachusetts' 31st Volunteers, and was wounded, losing a foot in the battle of Roanoke Island. He was also in an important engagement before the historic battle of Antietam.

George Sawyer Stone married, on September 3, 1898, at Templeton, Mary Elizabeth Leland, daughter of Francis T. and Mary N. (Sawyer) Leland, both of whom are now deceased, the father dying in 1905 and the mother in 1931. Both of Mrs. Stone's parents, like Mrs. Stone herself, her husband, and his parents, were natives of Templeton. The children of George Sawyer and Mary Elizabeth (Leland) Stone are: 1. Leland, who married Doris Smith, and had three children: David W., Jean W., and Gerald R. Stone. 2. Margaret, who became the wife of John D. Hamilton, of Clinton, Massachusetts; they have two children: Elizabeth and Leland B. Hamilton. 3. Rachael, who married Meeker B. Jones, of New York City. 4. Elizabeth, living in Boston. 5. Ralph Lincoln, a student at the Worcester Institute of Technology, class of 1935.

The Stone family residence is situated in the village of Otter River in the town of Templeton, where, as in other parts of Worcester County, its members have been consistently active and useful citizens over a period of many years.

ALBERT WALKER HINDS—Treasurer of the town of West Boylston, and for many years a prominent figure in its life, Albert Walker Hinds is well known throughout this section for his interest in the cause of civic progress and his varied activities in public life. He was born at West Boylston on November 30, 1864, a son of Albert and Alona A. (Walker) Hinds and a member of an old Worcester County family. According to tradition handed down in the family, Jacob Hinds, one of his ancestors, was the first white man to settle in the territory now included in West Boylston. A private driveway, Hinds Terrace, perpetuates the name of this early settler.

Ephraim Hinds, grandfather of Albert W. Hinds, was a lawyer and also served as justice of the peace. He was the first of his family to be graduated from Harvard University, which his descendants later attended. Ephraim Hinds practiced the profession of law at Harvard, Massachusetts, and also for a time at Worcester.

Albert Hinds, the father, was born in Worcester County and settled in West Boylston about 1860. He served as a justice of the peace and was prominent in county life, writing deeds and settling many estates. At the time of the Civil War he was postmaster of West Boylston. Albert Hinds died at the early age of forty-four. His wife, Alona A. (Walker) Hinds, survived him many years, passing away at the age of ninety-one in 1921.

Albert W. Hinds, of this record, received his preliminary education in the public schools of West Boylston and prepared for college at Worcester Academy, from which he was graduated in 1883. In the fall of the same year he entered Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, and was there graduated on the completion of the required course in 1887, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1888 he took the further degree of Master of Arts at Harvard University and in 1889 traveled through various parts of the United States, visiting points of interest. In 1890 he taught at a private school at Duluth, Minnesota, but at the end of a year returned to West Boylston, where he was elected a member of the school board in 1892. This office he resigned in 1894 to accept appointment as an instructor at Brown University. Mr. Hinds continued as an instructor at Brown and also carried on graduate work at that university until 1896. In 1897 he returned to West Boylston, but the succeeding three years he again spent largely in travel, both in the United States and abroad, accompanied by his mother. In 1901 he built the beautiful home in this town which he has since occupied.

Mr. Hinds has always sought to meet every obligation of good citizenship and during the past thirty years has rendered many valuable services to his community. He was reëlected to the West Boylston School Board in 1897 and continued as a member thereof until 1932, when he declined reelection. Meanwhile, in 1900, he was elected town treasurer of West Boylston, a position for which he was well qualified and which he has filled by successive reëlections with efficiency and fidelity. Mr. Hinds has also served since 1900 as a member of the library board, and was president for about twenty years of the Mount Vernon Cemetery Association until it was dissolved in 1932 and taken over by the town. He is a Republican

in politics and is a member of the honorary scholastic fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, carrying the key insignia of that order. For many years he has been a member of the Worcester Economic Club. He is one of the prudential committee of the First Baptist Church, West Boylston.

On October 6, 1925, Albert W. Hinds married Margaret L. Mason, of Worcester, daughter of Louis E. and Lucy (Allen) Mason, of Worcester. Her mother was a native of Barre, Worcester County. Mrs. Hinds' maternal grandfather was Dr. Charles G. Allen, of Barre, inventor of the "Yankee Horse Rake." Her father, a native of Worcester, was an organist and was for forty-five years a church organist. For sixteen years he was connected with Trinity Church, never missing a Sunday service.

LOUIS V. SMITH—As editor and business manager of the "Jewish Civic Leader," of Worcester, Louis V. Smith has filled an important position in the life of his county and State. The influence of his paper has been extensive and has been such as to redound to the good of his community and its people and institutions.

Mr. Smith was born in Lithuania, on May 6, 1903, son of Morris and Eva (Kirle) Smith. He was only eight years of age when, in 1911, he came to the United States and settled in Worcester. The father came at that time to the New World to seek a livelihood, and the son received his first formal education in this country in the Ash Street School. He was graduated, in 1919, from the Millbury Street Preparatory School. Becoming a student at the Classical High School, he was graduated from that institution in 1922 and in 1926 he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts from Clark University. For two and one-half years thereafter, Louis V. Smith served as assistant city editor of the Fall River "Daily Globe," of Fall River. It was in the early part of 1929 that he assumed charge of the "Jewish Civic Leader," becoming both editor and business manager of the paper. Since that time he has served faithfully and effectively in this joint capacity with his paper.

He began his journalistic labors in his school days, becoming correspondent for the "Telegram-Gazette" and the Worcester "Post," as well as for several Boston papers. The "Civic Leader," which he now heads, was founded in 1923, when it began publication on a small scale. Under Mr. Smith's management, it has grown steadily. It is the only Jewish newspaper in Worcester County. It circulates in ninety per cent. of all Jewish homes in this district and plays an important part in reflecting and guiding Jewish life in this part of New England.

Mr. Smith himself is widely known in New England. Self-educated and self-made in the highest sense of those terms, he has made remarkable progress for his years, exerting a power for good that is seldom given to a man so young. He founded and formerly published the "Pythian News," organ of the Knights of Pythias, subsidized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and circulated in the Domain of Massachusetts. Mr. Smith is himself a Pythian and a member of the Concord Lodge, of Fall River. He is also the Worcester County correspondent for the United Press and is an active member of the Men's Hebrew Association.

Louis V. Smith married, on November 25, 1927, Dorothy Jacobson, of Worcester. To this marriage there was born one son, Sidney Z. Smith, on September 29, 1928. The Smith family residence is situated at No. 12 Stockton Street, Worcester.

MALCOLM C. MIDGLEY—A native son of the city of Worcester, Malcolm C. Midgley has served faithfully and well its people, being at the time of writing the city clerk. Both in private and public capacities, he has held positions of financial trust, and has handled his responsibilities effectively and efficiently.

Mr. Midgley was born on July 13, 1893, in Worcester, Massachusetts, son of Leonard C. and Clara E. (Holden) Midgley. His father, a native of England, came to the United States with his parents when he was only six years of age. The mother was born in Worcester. Leonard C. Midgley was a horticulturist, having been for some time the president of the Worcester Horticulturists' Society and previously for a number of years its secretary and a member of its finance committee; he is now living retired from his active labors. The Holdens, of the maternal side of the house, were early settlers in Worcester.

It was in this city that Malcolm C. Midgley attended the public schools; and in 1911, he was graduated from the Classical High School. After attending Amherst College for one year, for two years he became associated with his father in business. He was then engaged for two years in the automobile tire business in Lancaster, Ohio. In 1917, he enlisted for World War service, joining the aviation section and training at Fort Slocum, San Antonio, Texas. He went overseas thereafter, and was for eighteen months in France, stationed at Issoudun, Ribeaucourt, and in the Ourcq-Toul sector. Returning home in March, 1919, he was sent to Mineola to carry on demobilization work, continuing there for six weeks, at the conclusion of which he was mustered out with the rank of sergeant.

Returning to Worcester, Mr. Midgley entered the employ of the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank, with which he remained until 1920, when he took the position of teller in the city treasurer's office, thus beginning his career of public service. For five years he held that position, until, in 1925, he was elected clerk of committees, a position which he held until, in 1927, he was elected city clerk. In 1929 he was reëlected to the last-named office; and in 1932 he was again reëlected, to serve a three-year term.

Mr. Midgley is also a member and clerk of the board of registrars and of the license board of the city; and his affiliations with different groups here have rendered him a most useful citizen. In the Free and Accepted Masons, he is connected with Morning Star Lodge and Rose of Sharon Lodge, and with Stella Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; He is also a member of Aletheia Grotto and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the American Legion, in which he is a member of the General Devens Post; the Sons of St. George; the Kiwanis Club; and the Runaway Brook Golf Club.

He has devoted considerable time to the study of music, and has a fine tenor voice and is fre-

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quently called upon to entertain Worcester groups, and is especially valued in churches for his talent, and welcomed in local choirs. Into all his many interests, he has regularly put his best energies and his fullest measure of enthusiasm, with the result that he is esteemed and respected as are few members of this community.

Malcolm C. Midgley married, on September 5, 1922, Fanny Goodwin, of Worcester, Massachusetts. They have had two children: 1. Malcolm C., Jr., born May 26, 1924. 2. Claire, born March 8, 1926. The family residence is situated at No. 76 Davidson Road, this city.

JOSEPH SIDNEY WILCOX—In the manufacture of pyroloid products at his plants in Athol, Worcester County, and Toronto, Canada, Joseph S. Wilcox is conducting a business that has made his name and the output of these concerns widely known in this country and foreign lands. He is an aggressive leader in the commercial and civic life of Athol, where he has served on many committees.

Joseph Wilcox, father of Joseph Sidney, was the first to establish the pyroloid manufacturing business, having his original plant in Leominister, where he operated under the style of Joseph Wilcox. In 1897 he removed to Worcester and was there until 1900, in which year the plant was destroyed by fire. He came to Athol in 1900 and in that year established a manufactory in this town. After having occupied several different locations here, the concern moved into the present plant, which has 25,000 square feet of floor space and excellent manufacturing and shipping facilities. Joseph Wilcox married Jennie I. Mooney, and they lived in New York City until their removal to Massachusetts. She died in 1917, and Mr. Wilcox in 1925.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, October 5, 1887, Joseph Sidney Wilcox prepared for advanced study by taking a course in the Athol High School and then entered Union College, where he was a special student. Immediately after leaving college he left Athol and was employed by several large companies as a draftsman and engineer until 1921. In that year he came to Athol and reorganized the business founded by his father, becoming the principal owner and changing the title to the Wilcox Company. This concern produces large quantities in great variety of pyroloid for use in the forms of dresser sets, combs, clocks, and leather goods. In 1931 he established the Wilcox Canadian, Ltd., in Toronto for the manufacture of similar goods for the Canadian trade. He has been successful in building up a line of customers in these two countries and in some foreign countries, which has increased with the years. He is treasurer and majority stockholder in both concerns.

He has been prominent in the political and official life of Athol and Worcester County, and has served as chairman of the Athol Advisory Board, president of the Worcester Northwest Agricultural Society, past president of the Athol Credit Union, past president of the Ellinwood Country Club, past president of the Athol Exchange Club, and president of Exchange Clubs of Massachusetts. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and holds affiliations with Phi Gamma Delta (college) Fraternity, Athol Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Athol Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Harris Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. He is a member and director of the Athol Young Men's Christian Association. Extremely fond of aviation, he has owned an airplane and an autogiro plane and is a director of the local airport.

Mr. Wilcox married, October 31, 1923, at Keene, New Hampshire, Marguerite Hopkins, daughter of Harry D. and Maude (Pierce) Hopkins, of that city. Her father is a former member of the Governor's Council in New Hampshire, a former State Representative and a former State Senator. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox are: 1. Maude Hopkins, born September 18, 1924. 2. Joseph Sidney, born January 12, 1926. 3. Harriet Pierce, born May 8, 1927. 4. Marion Marguerite, born June 9, 1929.

JOHN HENRY COES—A native of Springfield, Hampden County, the late John Henry Coes achieved his record as a business leader in the capital city of Worcester County. For many years he was treasurer of the Coes Wrench Company, one of the important industries of his time in this county.

John Coes, who settled in Worcester prior to the Revolutionary War, is claimed by the present generation as the founder of the family of Coes in America. He died in Worcester, June 24, 1827. His wife was Rebecca. The line of descent is through their son, Daniel, and Roxana (Roxalany or Roxalana) Gates, his wife, and their son, Aury Gates.

Aury Gates Coes, born in Worcester, January 22, 1816, died December 2, 1875, was active in the manufacture of woolen machinery and in Republican politics. He married (first) Nancy Maynard, who died December 1, 1842. He married (second) Anna S. Cutting, and had children. He married (third) Mrs. Lucy (Wyman) Gibson, a widow, and they had two daughters. He married (fourth) Abigail Winch. By his first marriage there was a son, John Henry, of whom further.

John Henry Coes, son of Aury Gates and Nancy (Maynard) Coes, was born in Springfield, Hampden County, September 25, 1840. In early life he removed with his parents to Worcester and in the public schools of this city he received his preliminary education. He pursued higher studies in Leicester Academy and Wilbraham Academy. His first business connection was in an office position with the firm of L. and A. G. Coes, manufacturers of wrenches, in which the two principals were his father and an uncle. On the dissolution of this partnership, April 1, 1869, Aury Gates Coes organized the firm of A. G. Coes and Company, John Henry, his son, being received as junior member. This concern continued to carry forward the manufacture of wrenches in Worcester. Upon the death of the senior member, Aury Gates Coes, December 2, 1875, the business was conducted under the same style by the sons, John Henry and Frederick L. Coes. On April 1, 1888, the firm of A. G. Coes and Company and that of Loring Coes and Company were consolidated and the new organization, capitalized at $100,000, took the title of the Coes Wrench Company. The officers were: President, Loring Coes; treasurer, John H. Coes; clerk, Frederick L. Coes. In 1902 the two brothers, John H. and Frederick L. Coes, disposed of their inter-

est in the business to their uncle, Loring Coes, and withdrew from the company.

John Henry Coes was also actively identified with financial institutions and with fraternal and social organizations. He was a director of the Worcester Trust Company and a member of its executive committee, and president and a member of the finance committee of the Mechanics Savings Bank of Worcester. He was affiliated with Montacute Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. In the right of his maternal ancestor, Simon Gates, he was a member of the Sons of the Revolution. He was also a member of the Commonwealth Club, Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, and Massachusetts Agricultural Club of Boston.

John Henry Coes married, February 5, 1874, Amie Brownell Hadwen, born in Worcester, November 4, 1846, daughter of Obadiah B. Hadwen. Mr. and Mrs. Coes had a daughter, Mary Maynard, born March 14, 1876. The death of Mr. Coes occurred at the family home, No. 1058 Main Street, Worcester, February 18, 1922.

MARK N. SKERRETT—One of the leading attorneys of Worcester, and the chairman of the city Planning Board, Mark N. Skerrett is a native of Worcester, born February 23, 1869, a son of James and Catherine E. (Sullivan) Skerrett, the first mentioned of whom was of English birth and the latter a native of Ireland. James Skerrett came to America in 1841, settled in Worcester, and there remaining to the time of his death in 1884.

Mark N. Skerrett attended the public schools and was graduated from the high school in 1888. He then matriculated at Holy Cross College, where he studied for three years. By the most strenuous efforts and great self-denial he worked his way through college, and later attended lectures and allied subjects in preparation for the legal profession. He read law under the preceptorship of the law firm of Hagerty and Kane. In 1897 he was admitted to the bar of Worcester County, and at once engaged in the general practice of his profession. Mr. Skerrett has won for himself a high place in the esteem of his clientele and colleagues. He has both a comprehensive knowledge of the law and of human character, a combination which has made for success.

Politics have interested Mr. Skerrett from boyhood, and he early allied himself with the Democratic party as a voter. Soon he stood high in the councils and campaigns of the local organization. In 1901 he was honored with election to the State Legislature, serving from 1901 to 1905. In 1916 he was sent to the National Democratic Convention at St. Louis, Missouri, as a delegate. For some years Mr. Skerrett has been a member of the State Democratic Committee. Upon the organization of the City Planning Board of Worcester, in 1915, he was named as a member of that body. In 1922 Mr. Skerrett was elected chairman of the City Planning Board, an honor justly earned and truly deserved. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and of the Massachusetts State and American Bar associations.

In 1911 Mark N. Skerrett married Josephine L. Morrissey, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Mark N., Jr., born April 12, 1912. 2. Alice C., born August 26, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Skerrett reside at No. 557 Grafton Street, Worcester.

HARRY COCAINE—In 1932 Harry Cocaine took over the entire operations of Lincoln Park, one of the best known amusement places in Worcester County. As proprietor of the Lincoln Amusement Garden at the park for some twenty years, he was thoroughly familiar with problems and conditions and has been able to conduct operations of the larger property with much success.

Mr. Cocaine is a native of Greece, born on February 22, 1894, a son of George and Angelina (Karos) Cocaine. His parents never left their native land, and his father, until his death, was a trader and landowner there.

Harry Cocaine received his education in the schools of Greece, completing a course of study equivalent to our high school instruction. He came to the United States in 1908, establishing his home in Worcester. For the first year after his arrival he worked for Anderson and Patterson, confectioners, at Worcester, meanwhile studying English at night. He spent long hours poring over the dictionary and other volumes, but was rewarded by acquiring in a brief time an adequate knowledge of the language of his adopted country. In 1910, after approximately two years in Worcester, Mr. Cocaine took over the lease of Anderson and Patterson and thereafter continued their business, which included the Lincoln Amusement Garden. This project he has managed ever since. In 1932 he added to his interests by taking over the entire park which consists of several acres and includes amusements of all kinds. Among the features of the park may be mentioned: Refreshment booths and parlors of all kinds, a merry-go-round, bowling alleys, boating facilities and picnic grounds, skating, a shooting gallery, penny arcades and many games. The Lincoln Rowing Club is situated on the grounds, as is also an old historic theatre. Lincoln Park is located on Lake Quinsigamond, bordering the town of Shrewsbury. It is the only amusement park in Worcester and, perhaps, the largest in the county, accommodating as many as 60,000 people a day who come to the park for amusement and recreation. Mr. Cocaine deserves much credit for building up this fine amusement park for Worcester. While he was qualified for the task by experience and native ability, his courage in assuming the large risks involved is to be commended and his success has brought much pleasure to the people of this community.

Mr. Cocaine is a member of the Lincoln Rowing Club, the Improved Order of Red Men, the United Commercial Travelers and of Ahepa Lodge, No. 80, a Greek organization. He has a very large circle of acquaintances in the Worcester section and is respected by all who know him.

On May 16, 1920, Harry Cocaine married Sophia Economy, who was born in Athens, Greece. They became the parents of the following children: George, Anna, Christo, Harold, Angelina, and an infant daughter. The residence of the family is situated at No. 132 Corbin Avenue, Worcester.

EDWARD L. MOORE—The well-known attorney-at-law, Edward L. Moore of Worcester, brought to the practice of his profession not only

an unusually extensive training from institutions of higher education, but had the valuable experience of some years at teaching. He was born at Worcester, February 24, 1883, a son of John M. and Mary A. (Dolan) Moore. His father, John M. Moore, was a resident of the city where he was engaged in mercantile business for many years.

Edward L. Moore attended the schools of the city, then entered Holy Cross College, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; four years later he received his Master's degree from this same institution. During the year of 1905 he attended Boston Normal College. From 1906 to 1913, Mr. Moore was a teacher in the New York City public schools, and rose rapidly as an educator. His ambition, however, was to become a lawyer, and during this period he was studying law in the Fordham University Law School, New York City, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1912. That same year Mr. Moore was admitted to the bar of New York and also the Massachusetts bar. Returning to Worcester he began the practice of law in 1913, and has so continued. He has won an enviable reputation as a lawyer and citizen.

Mr. Moore is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and of the Massachusetts State and American Bar associations. He has been a member of the Park Commission of Worcester. In May, 1932, he had the high honor of being appointed a Master in Chancery for a five-year term. Mr. Moore gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus.

CHARLES J. CAMPBELL—A figure of distinction in the public life of Rutland for many years, Charles J. Campbell represents the Second Worcester District in the State Legislature and is one of the business leaders of his section. He was born in Rutland, September 28, 1877, son of Thomas L. and Janet (Hamilton) Campbell, both natives of Scotland and both now deceased. His parents were brought to the United States as children and lived for some time in Lowell. In about 1862 or 1863 they removed to Rutland, and were thereafter identified with the life of that place. A machinist by trade, the elder Mr. Campbell followed agriculture in Rutland during the latter part of his life and until his death.

The gentleman whose name heads this review had the good fortune to be born on a farm and to grow up on it. He also eventually owned this property and retained it until 1920. His education was gained in the Rutland schools, and for some years he practiced agriculture in association with his father and by himself. In 1920 he sold the farm to become the manager of the Cheney Grain Store in Rutland, a branch of J. B. Garland and Son, grain dealers, of Worcester, continuing this association until 1933, when he retired and his son, Lloyd H., replaced him in the managership.

Charles J. Campbell was elected to the Massachusetts General Assembly in November, 1932, for the terms of 1933-34, another step forward in a career marked by public service. He has served on the Republican Town Committee since he was twenty-one years old, a period of thirty-five years, and has been its chairman for twenty-six years, and is also serving his eighteenth year as a selectman of Rutland, for fifteen years of that period as chairman of the board of selectmen. He has been assessor for seven years, tax collector for a like period, water commissioner for three years, and is serving his tenth year as moderator. While a very young man he became a staunch Republican and has for many years been prominent in the councils and the campaigns of the party. Fraternally he is affiliated with Putnam Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, and the Rutland Grange, of which he is a Past Master (three years). He is president of the Worcester County Selectmen's Association, trustee and clerk of the Rutland Rural Cemetery Association, and clerk of the Congregational Church, Rutland.

On December 12, 1901, Charles J. Campbell married Edith Smith of Rutland, daughter of Dennis A. and Lydia E. (Miles) Smith, both natives of Rutland and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are the parents of two sons: 1. George M., a graduate of the Worcester Trade School and postmaster at the Veterans' Hospital, Rutland Heights; he married Mercy Helen Wheeler and they have one daughter, Ruth Edith, born February 7, 1932. 2. Lloyd H., manager of the Cheney Grain Company, Rutland, living at home.

CHARLES L. McCARTHY—Chief of the Worcester Fire Department, Charles L. McCarthy has risen to his present position through thirty-seven years of meritorious service to the city and its people. He is well qualified by experience and proved ability for the responsible position he now holds.

Mr. McCarthy was born at Boston, Massachusetts, on January 11, 1868, a son of Daniel W. and Mary Alice (Wright) McCarthy. His father, a native of Newfoundland, was a cooper by trade and lived in Boston until his death. The mother was born in Maine.

Charles L. McCarthy was educated in Boston schools, and for a number of years in early life worked at various jobs in the cities and towns of New England. In 1895, however, he came to Worcester as an employee of the Hammond Organ Reed Company, and one year later entered the City Fire Department. This was in 1896. Since that time he has risen through all grades in the department from call man, substitute, permanent man, lieutenant, captain, district chief, and deputy chief, and in 1922 was appointed chief of the department. He had well earned this position through years of active service, and as chief has maintained a high standard of efficiency throughout the entire organization. There are nineteen fire houses in the city and thirty companies with a total of three hundred and seventy-four employees on the payroll. The people of the city have the greatest confidence in their department and in its chief, and the fine record of the organization fully justifies the praise it has received.

Mr. McCarthy is a member of the New England Fire Chiefs Association, the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Association, and the International Fire Chiefs Association. Apart from his duties in the department, he is also a member of the Worcester Safety Council and chairman of the License Board. Mr. McCarthy is an active Republican in politics.

He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is prominent in this order, being a member of all higher bodies including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Worcester County Commandery of the Knights Templar and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Boston. In addition he is a member of the Worcester Kiwanis Club. He finds his chief recreation in dancing, and is well known throughout the entire city.

In January, 1909, Charles L. McCarthy married Laura A. Rivett, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Mildred E. 2. Dorothy D. The residence of the family is situated at No. 9 Wakefield Street, Worcester.

HARRY N. EASTMAN—One of the additions in recent years to the important groups of executives which have contributed so greatly to the industrial leadership of Worcester among the cities of Massachusetts, Harry N. Eastman has had a career of variety and usefulness which prepared him for his exacting duties as the auditor of the Sherman Envelope Company, of Worcester. He is a native Vermonter, born at Rutland, September 21, 1885, the son of Charles Dewey and Jessie C. (Coppins) Eastman, both natives of Vermont; the former was a machinist of Rutland, active in the business and religious life of that town and also interested in the militia, having been for three years a member of the noted Kingsley Guards. He died in Rutland in 1903.

Harry N. Eastman received his education in the public schools of Rutland and later was graduated from Bryant and Stratton Business College. School days over, Mr. Eastman returned to Rutland where he was employed in the office of the Rutland Light and Power Company, until the entrance of the United States into the World War brought to an end, for a time, his business career.

He had been a member of the Kingsley Guards, like his father before him, having joined this historic military unit when he was nineteen years old and continued in active service for nineteen years. The 38th Infantry, which he joined during the World War, entered the Federal service on April 3, 1917. Before, that, however, Mr. Eastman had served at the Mexican border from June 26 to November 15, 1916, being stationed at Eagle Pass, Texas. The 38th Infantry was first sent to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, where it remained until September 1, 1917. From there it went to Camp Meade, Westfield, Massachusetts, where Mr. Eastman was made camp quartermaster. Stationed there until November 1, 1917, he then went to Camp Green, Charleston, South Carolina. On February 1, 1918, he was transferred to Camp Wadsworth and later to Spartanburg, South Carolina. There the regiment was reorganized and Mr. Eastman was transferred to the 57th Pioneer Infantry, remaining until October 1, 1918, when he went to Camp Merritt, New Jersey. Here he was promoted to the rank of captain and then went overseas with the 38th Infantry, 3d Division, American Expeditionary Forces, remaining in Europe until 1919. Returning to the United States he received his honorable discharge with the rank of captain at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, on July 26, 1919.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Eastman became assistant treasurer of the Northway Motor Company at Natick, Massachusetts, until 1924, when he resigned to accept a position as accountant with the Edwin L. Pride Company. He was next employed as controller of the Checker Taxi Cab Company at Boston. On March 25, 1925, he accepted a position with the Sherman Envelope Company at Worcester, remaining with that concern up to January 1, 1933, as auditor. The Sherman Envelope Company was established in 1899 by John A. Sherman in a small factory on School Street for the specific purpose of manufacturing envelopes. This same year this business was incorporated with J. A. Sherman, president; Walter Davis, vice-president; and Edward Sherman, secretary. Due to the expansion of business, the company removed to their present location at No. 60 Prescott Street, where they occupy 50,000 square feet of floor space and in normal times have a production capacity of two and a half million envelopes per day. Their product enjoys an international distribution. In 1920 the Sherman Envelope Company sold out to the United Drug Company of Boston, although still maintaining the original name. In 1923 the officers of the company were as follows: Charles S. Thomas, now deceased, president; B. T. Wilkinson, vice-president; Brenton K. Fisk, secretary; and Joseph A. Galvin, treasurer.

Mr. Eastman has identified himself closely with the business and civic life of Worcester. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a member of some of the city clubs and organizations, as well as of the Central Church.

COL. WILLIAM AUSTIN WILLIAMS—In law, politics and civic affairs, the late Colonel William Austin Williams, of Worcester, exercised a leadership which made him one of the foremost figures of the Commonwealth at the height of his career which extended over a considerable portion of his life.

The immigrant ancestor of Colonel Williams was William Williams, of Great Yarmouth, England, who settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1637.

Born at Williamsville, in the town of Hubbardston, Worcester County, August 29, 1820, William Austin Williams was a son of George and Susan (Waite) Williams. After attending the district school, he took college preparatory work at the Ashby, New Salem and Leicester academies. But because of impaired health, he was compelled to cancel his plan of pursuing higher academic studies at Harvard College. He did, however, achieve his ambition of taking a law course at Harvard, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1847. Shortly afterward he was admitted to the Massachusetts bar at a sitting of court in Worcester and at once entered upon a career which was destined to be one of the most notable in the annals of the profession in this State.

Opening an office in the city of Worcester, in the old Central Exchange Building, Main Street, he began building up a practice, which eventually proved one of the largest and most desirable in the county. After a number of years in that location, he removed to the then new Chapin Block

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on Pearl Street. Subsequently he transferred his office to the Walker Building, where his practice continued to increase in volume and importance. Upon the completion of the State Mutual Building he made his professional headquarters at this central location, remaining there until he retired from practice. An earlier biographer, writing of his appearance at the time said: "The oldest lawyer practicing in Worcester, he presents a picture of sturdy and handsome manhood. His eye is bright and youthful; his features ruddy and healthful; and he gives promise of many more years of activity and usefulness." At one time his practice in the criminal courts was extremely large, and from the time of his admission to the United States Circuit Court at Boston, in 1872, his reputation as a lawyer widened until he ceased to be active.

Perhaps more widely known was Colonel Williams' career in the political sphere. Always an enthusiastic and consistent Democrat, he was yet a young man, when he was accorded leadership by his party followers in Worcester. His prominence in the politics of the turbulent decade prior to the Civil War brought him the position of a statewide party leader, and he made numerous and helpful contacts with political leaders and statesmen of Massachusetts. In 1852, when only thirty-two years of age, he was the choice of the Democratic State Central Committee for chairman. In this capacity he shouldered the heavy responsibility of fusing the forces of the Free Soil and the Democratic organizations into one body. He helped materially in the election of Franklin Pierce, of New Hampshire, as president of the United States. This was one of the most important and most closely contested campaigns ever waged in Massachusetts, and his generalship in its conduct added not a little to his political prestige.

The Democrats made George S. Boutwell their standard-bearer, and to his banner there rallied Mr. Williams and his large and influential following. In his position as Democratic State chairman, he threw all his power on the side of Mr. Boutwell and aided his election as Governor in 1850 and his reëlection in 1852. He was now perhaps the most influential man in Worcester County, regardless of party affiliation. Appointed an aide on the staff of Governor Boutwell, he was given the rank of colonel and became a close adviser and confidential friend of the Governor. This friendship continued without abatement until the death of Governor Boutwell. He was the first executive of Massachusetts to require members of his official staff to appear in full uniform, and Colonel Williams proudly retained the gorgeous and imposing military outfit which he affected on State occasions. While a member of the Governor's staff, during the first Boutwell administration, the President of the United States made a visit to Massachusetts and was a guest at the State House; also Secretary of State Daniel Webster, still an imposing and impressive figure in public life, was a guest of the Commonwealth. During the stay of these distinguished national leaders it was Colonel Williams' happy lot to assist in their entertainment.

Another figure of renown, who held the interest of Massachusetts people during the Boutwell administration, was the distinguished Hungarian patriot, General Kossuth. Colonel Williams was assigned by the Governor as a member of the escort party to attend General Kossuth on his journey through the State to the Capitol at Boston and then to various places of interest. He represented the Governor most efficiently in meeting the visitor at Springfield and, with his colleague of the escort, accompanying him all along the route, on which Kossuth was given a cordial welcome by the populace. The party stopped in Worcester, where Mayor Peter C. Bacon did the honors of the occasion. At a reception, with speechmaking, in the city hall, Colonel Williams again conveyed the felicitations of the Governor. At Boston the general was accorded a magnificent entertainment by the Governor and other officials of the State. Colonel Williams acted as Kossuth's escort to Cambridge and other points on the official itinerary within the State and, on the conclusion of his visit, accompanied him to Albany and introduced him to the Governor of New York State. In a number of particulars the visit of General Kossuth was as interesting as that of General the Marquis de Lafayette a generation earlier. Of Kossuth, Colonel Williams said: "He certainly was the most accomplished man I ever met. He was a fine scholar and linguist. He spoke English as well as I have ever heard it spoken. His style was good, too."

It was when Colonel Williams was a member of Governor Boutwell's staff that the Governor-General of Canada arrived in Boston on an official visit to assist in the "Railroad Jubilee," marking the celebration of the completion of the railroad linking the United States and Canada. The distinguished visitor was formally received in a tent erected on Boston Common, with Colonel Williams seated by the side of the Governor-General during the banquet that was an outstanding feature of the entertainment. Colonel Williams played an important part in the post-prandial exercises, which included a magnificent ball in honor of the Canadians and a trip down Boston Harbor. Still another occasion, on which Colonel Williams participated on behalf of the State, was the great public funeral held for Daniel Webster in Boston. For many years he was the only surviving State official who had a part in the Commonwealth's tribute to the great statesman.

As a delegate from his district, Colonel Williams attended the Democratic National Convention of 1868, at Baltimore, Maryland, which nominated Horace Greeley for President. An incident of this bitterly fought campaign was related by Colonel Williams, telling of a gentleman of the old Southern school, who had been the largest slaveholder in the South prior to the Civil War, declaring that he felt the nomination of Greeley was "a pretty bitter pill for his party to swallow." That feeling made Greeley one of the most unpopular candidates of a great political party in the Presidential election. In the municipal affairs of Worcester, Colonel Williams was prominently active for many years. He served on the school committee in 1848-1852, 1861-63, and 1870-74, as a member of the board of aldermen in 1853-54 and as city solicitor in 1876.

Colonel William Austin Williams married (first), June 29, 1852, Esther Kendall Houghton, of Barre, daughter of Luke and Harriet (Caldwell) Houghton. His second wife was Harriet Ann Woods, daughter of Harding P. and Sally (Caldwell) Woods, of Barre. The children, all by the first marriage, follow: 1. Henry Houghton Williams,

born June 8, 1854, was graduated Bachelor of Arts at Harvard University in 1874. He studied law in his father's office and was examined in May, 1876, for admission to the bar. He successfully passed the test and in the following June he filed his application for admission to the bar. But later in the same month he was drowned while rowing on Lake Quinsigamond. The young man was highly esteemed in many quarters for his brilliant mental attainments and fine qualities of character. Men of eminence, far his senior in years, voiced their appreciation of his worth. United States Senator George Frisbie Hoar, in a letter of condolence to Colonel Williams, said: "I am sure that our long acquaintance gives me the right to tell you of my great sorrow and sympathy in the loss of your noble and promising boy. I did not know him personally, but I had seen his fine and manly bearing, and knew how well everybody spoke of him, and can understand how much you have depended on him for the comfort and pleasure of the rest of your life." Hon. Charles Devens, Jr., of the United States Judicial Court, spoke of the young man as follows: "I had known him somewhat in connection with some professional matters and he seemed to me a most promising young man and everything that a father's heart could desire." Colonel Williams was so shocked and grieved by the death of his son that for a time he abandoned active practice and never afterward did he resume his former activity and ambition. 2. Harriet Caldwell, born July 14, 1856, never married; resides at No. 26 Cedar Street, Worcester. 3. Esther May, born October 29, 1858, married Wesley G. Carr, of Keene, New Hampshire, later a prominent attorney for the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company at Washington, District of Columbia, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Their children: i. William Austin Carr, born in January, 1893, died in June, 1893. ii. Houghton Carr, born September 30, 1895. iii. Wesley G. Carr, born August 29, 1898. The parents of these children are both now deceased. 4. Alice Maude, born October 31, 1860, died August 18, 1861.

In his ninety-ninth year, Colonel Williams passed away, November 30, 1918, respected and loved by a host of friends, among whom he counted many members of the bench and bar. His record, of unusual length and distinction, shed additional luster upon the legal annals of the great Commonwealth he loved and served so well.

CHARLES E. COTTING—Finance and horticulture, the sale of great bond issues and of milk, humanitarian enterprises and club interests, are among the varied activities of Charles E. Cotting, of Boston and Berlin, Massachusetts. He is a vice-president of the Lee, Higginson Corporation, a director of banks and corporations, and has his own large estate where he produces fine milk and grows fancy apples. He is one of the high officials in the American Boy Scouts and a member of many clubs.

Mr. Cotting is a native of Boston, born May 15, 1889, son of Charles E. and Ruth S. (Thompson) Cotting, both of whom were members of old Massachusetts families. His father was a trustee and manager of estates, and the son was given all educational advantages and schooling in academies. Charles E. Cotting was graduated from Harvard University with the class of 1911, holding the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three months after leaving college he accepted a position as office boy with Lee, Higginson and Company, of Boston. He ran the whole gamut of positions in the company prior to his becoming a member of the firm, in April, 1922. After the liquidation of this company in June, 1932, he was made a vice-president of the newly formed company, the Lee, Higginson Corporation, a post he continues to hold. He is also a director of the New England Power Association, Hamilton Woolen Company, Otis Company, Amoskeag Company, and Gillette Safety Razor Company.

Although business and financial enterprises claim much of Mr. Cotting's time and attention, he has never lost his zest for many other activities. He is a member of the executive committee of the Boy Scouts of America, chairman of Region I, Boy Scouts of America, and vice-president of the Boston Council of the Boy Scouts. As may be inferred, his keen interest in youth has been given scope in a genuine devotion to the furtherance of this important and eminently helpful organization. During the World War period Mr. Cotting entered the United States Air Service and with the rank of captain was stationed at the training camps at Kelly Field, Texas, and West Point, Mississippi.

In 1922 Mr. Cotting purchased a three hundred-acre Massachusetts farm. For the last ten years the development of this estate has supplied him with a main source of recreation. It is run, however, so far as the productive end is concerned, along thoroughly practical lines. There is a herd of pure bred Guernsey cows whose milk is sold in the neighborhood. On the farm are about four thousand apple trees, chiefly of the favored New England varieties, Gravensteins, Baldwins and Red McIntosh. If agriculture and horticulture are to be classed as the owner's hobbies, they are ridden well and in a way that the men to whom these are vocations may with safety follow.

Mr. Cotting is a member of the Harvard and Knickerbocker clubs of New York City; the Somerset Club, Union Club, Tennis and Racquet and Harvard clubs of Boston; and the Essex Country Club, of Manchester, Massachusetts.

MAJOR WILLIAM GILBERT POND—As assistant clerk of courts at Worcester, Massachusetts, Major William Gilbert Pond has served in public life almost from the beginning of his active legal career. He is a well-known figure in this city and section, not only through his professional career but by reason of his many other connections with Worcester institutions and enterprises.

Major Pond was born in Milford, Massachusetts, on November 21, 1874, a son of Henry A. and Ellen M. (Blake) Pond, the former born in Connecticut and the latter in Massachusetts. Henry A. Pond was a shoemaker in his earlier years, but later became a machinist. He died in 1919 and is still survived by his wife.

William Gilbert Pond was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, being graduated from Milford High School in 1892. In 1894 he joined the staff of the "Worcester Telegram" as reporter in the Milford district, and during the four years in which he remained with this paper, he considerably developed his district as a newspaper field. In 1898, however, he became connected with the Boston "Herald," and while continuing his work

as a reporter took up the study of law. The following year he was graduated from the Boston University Law School with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, was admitted to the bar and began active practice in Milford. He was appointed first clerk of the Milford court in 1900 and held this position until January 1, 1923, when he was appointed assistant clerk at Worcester. Both at Milford and in Worcester, he administered his duties in such a manner that he has won high praise from bench and bar alike and gained the complete confidence of the general public.

As a young man, Major Pond joined the Massachusetts National Guards as a member of Company M, 6th Infantry. He rose through all the grades to captain, which was his rank at the time the United States entered the World War. In March, 1917, he was called to active service and was assigned with his company to guard the railroads from Springfield to Beckett. On July 5th he was sent to Framingham, Massachusetts, where mobilization was in progress, and on July 20th was ordered with his company to Camp Devens to guard the camp. In September, 1917, he was again ordered to Camp Bartlett, then successively to Charlotte, North Carolina, and Spartanburg. In August, 1918, he went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, serving as captain in France until May, 1919, when he returned to the United States. On his return he retained his military connections, and in 1920 went on the retired list of the Massachusetts National Guards with the rank of major. Major Pond also served for a time as military aide to Governor Draper. He is a member of the American Legion, the military Order of the World War and the D. E. O. A. and is affiliated with Montgomery Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, is a member of the Blue Lodge, and Mount Lebanon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and Milford Council, Royal and Select Masters. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Foresters of America and the Sons of Veterans.

In politics a Republican, Major Pond has been active in councils of his party, and was for eight years chairman of the Tenth Ward Republican Committee in Worcester. He is a member of the Worcester County Republican Club, the Worcester County Bar Association, and the Boston University Alumni Association.

On June 12, 1907, Major William Gilbert Pond married Gertrude Burns of Marlboro, Massachusetts. They are the parents of six children: 1. Margaret Blake, a graduate nurse, who died in 1931. 2. Gertrude Louise, married Henry N. Sillars. 3. Henry Gilbert. 4. Helen Irene. 5. William Wilson. 6. Evelyn Mary.

SAMUEL C. MOORE—Marking twenty years of service in the association of the New England Power System, Samuel C. Moore, its vice-president and general manager at the time, was presented with a button emblematic of that long and valued connection. The presentation took place in the directors' room of the company's general offices in Boston, President Comerford making the presentation speech in the presence of the major executives and a group of veteran employees of the system. Mr. Moore is now president of the Rhode Island Public Service Company and has his headquarters in Providence.

Born in Castleroe, Coleraine, County Derry, Ireland, Samuel C. Moore completed his education at the Richardson Memorial School at Macosquin, where he specialized in mathematics and mechanical engineering. In 1890 he arrived in the United States and subsequently joined the staff of the actuarial department of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, where he was employed for two years. From an insurance representative he went forward into the public utility field, and his first association in that line was with the Consolidated Gas Company of New York. While connected with that concern he was made sales manager of its Harlem branch. In 1902 he entered the electric utility field in Colorado, and for ten years was associated with the Colorado Power Company's organization.

Mr. Moore came to the New England Power System on April 15, 1912, at which time he was stationed at the company's office at Fitchburg. It had been intended that he should take charge of the accounting of the Connecticut River Transmission Company, one of the pioneer corporations of the Chace-Harriman group of companies, under the general direction of E. L. West, then general manager. Not long after Mr. Moore joined the New England Power System, the company removed to Worcester, where it occupied two small offices in the Slater Building. At that time the system had less than a dozen employees. On August 1, 1914, Mr. West retired as general manager and was succeeded by Mr. Moore.

Under the new administration the company prospered and expanded steadily. Additional customers and properties, a larger organization to be directed —each new year disclosed larger problems with an adequate group to meet and solve them. The fourteen years that the company had its head offices in Worcester were years of sound and steady growth. In 1926, on the formation of the association, Mr. Moore was made vice-president as well as general manager and, in fact, the operating executive of the entire organization. The association's offices were transferred to Boston about November 1, 1928. It was on January 1, 1932, that Mr. Moore was made president of The Rhode Island Public Service Company and moved his headquarters to Providence, retaining his residence at Wellesley Hills. He has assumed full charge of operations of the Rhode Island properties, including the United Electric Railways Company, and the adjacent companies in Attleboro and Fall River.

At the time Mr. Moore was honored by his associates in the New England Power System at their gathering in the Boston offices, April 15, 1932, the recipient of the twenty-year service button heard from President Comerford's lips a review of Mr. Moore's very great contribution to the upbuilding of what is today New England's largest public utility organization and, in behalf of the entire system, congratulations and best wishes for many years of constructive service. Mr. Moore made a happy response, saying that he would treasure his service button as a constant reminder of happy years and valued friendships. Among those present on the occasion were some who had been with him throughout the two decades of his service, and these he thanked especially for the loyal and efficient coöperation which he had always received from them.

From the pen of Malcolm G. Chace, who with Henry I. Harriman laid the groundwork of the New England Power System a quarter-century ago, has come the following tribute to Mr. Moore:

Twenty years ago the fifteenth of April, "Sam" Moore joined the organization of the Connecticut River Transmission Company, then being run by Mr. Harriman and myself. For some time Sam was unknown to the organization except that from time to time it was obvious that Mr. West had brought with him a very able personnel. As time progressed it was plain that unusual ability was being shown in the organization, and it was not long before Mr. Moore rose not only in the affections of his associates, but in the importance and activities of his work.

The position which eventually became his as head of the whole New England System was indicated from the early stage, and I know I can speak for all those who have known him and worked with him during the years, that every one of his fellow-workers—above, below, and, so to speak, alongside of him—were pleased and gratified as Mr. Moore rose to the top. His ability to take care of accurate detail and to handle organization I have always admired, and have from a great many different sources heard the same opinion expressed.

Today in the large association which has slowly succeeded the smaller beginning, it is impossible that the personal friendships and relations of the earlier days should continue as before. But even now I think the whole organization reflects to a large degree the "spirit of a happy family" which was in the early days so well taught by Mr. Moore. And if I may add a thought on general business, it seems to me that a happy office is usually a successful office. More than anyone I have ever known, Mr. Moore has created a happy atmosphere around him.

I know all the old and the new organization will join with me in wishing Mr. Moore several more twenty years of happiness and prosperity.

Following is a tribute from Assistant Vice-President William R. Bell, who joined the organization shortly before Mr. Moore reported for duty at Fitchburg, April 15, 1912:

First impressions are usually strong. Eighteen years ago, occasionally strolling through the four-room office space of the very limited operating and executive force of the Connecticut River Transmission Company, appeared an exceedingly dapper, square-shouldered, ruddy-faced gentleman, who, on inquiry, was found to be responsible for auditing and accounting.

It so happened that in a short time Mr. Moore was the "big Boss" and to many the "old man"—though not in years or energy. He soon delegated to the youngsters about him all the responsibility they could shoulder, showed them respect, and in this way gave them the golden opportunity to develop in a growing organization. While no one would call him a hard master, all will agree that he expected results and prompt ones. He wanted complete answers and definite recommendations. In spite of probably many disappointments, in this expectation, he still gave every opportunity to loyal service.

The success of Mr. Moore's efforts speaks fully for itself. The struggle of the thinly spread wholesale companies during the years previous to the creation of the association was one beset with difficulties which were overcome in many, many instances through Mr. Moore's able direction. His conservative policy and fine planning built up a physical and financial structure of great value that was much sought when the day of consolidation arrived.

His heart was not in his work alone, however. Many of the organization can testify to his desire and effort to assist them through many and various difficulties. His interest in his associates and their future welfare led him to serve them practically by sponsoring the stock offering and bonus plans which started many in the way of methodical saving.

His garden has always been next to his heart and he has been more than usually successful in raising bigger, better dahlias and other flowers. Many major system problems have been solved while working on the hillside in Worcester, or later in the more finished and expansive plot in Wellesley Hills.

The greatest good of the company no doubt is served by his move to Providence, but the old crowd miss his voice in the hall and the feeling that the "old man" is there, ready with counsel or encouragement—a steadying leader and a loyal friend.

EDWARD WARD WILDER—An unusually thorough and comprehensive preparation for the work he is doing has been that of Edward Ward Wilder, director of physical education in the public schools of Worcester, which position he has filled with great ability since 1917.

Edward Ward Wilder was born in the village of Quorn, Leicestershire, England, July 29, 1866, son of Thomas W. Wilder, a manufacturer of knit goods, who later came to this country and became a master mechanic in knitting factories, and of Mary (Ward) Wilder. In 1871, when Mr. Wilder was a child five years old, his parents left England and came to this country, settling in Newton, Massachusetts, early in 1871. The boy attended the grade schools of Newton Lower Falls, but after a few years his parents removed to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he finished his grammar school course and completed one year in high school. At the end of his first high school year he left to enter business, but being an exceptionally strong and rugged boy, who, from earliest years, had shown special ability in gymnasium work, he joined the gymnasium classes of Professor D. L. Dowd and also became a member of the German Turnverein. In this last connection he was associated with the finest German teachers, masters of mat work, tumbling, and heavy gymnastics. He became thoroughly familiar with the German system of physical education, developed more than average ability and skill, and acquired a local reputation. He gave exhibitions and finally organized a small troupe, with which he appeared on the stage and in the circus ring. All this time he was teaching gymnasium classes and also conducting classes at the Young Men's Christian Association College, which had recently been established in Springfield for the training of men who wished to become Young Men's Christian Association secretaries and gymnasium instructors. He still worked in the shop, however, while teaching five nights a week, and for a time was associated with A. Alonzo Stagg, now of nation-wide fame as football coach and for many years director of physical education at Chicago University. In time Mr. Wilder became interested in the theoretical and medical side of physical training and attended lectures with the other students of the college, though steadily teaching. His interest in heavy gymnastics remained, however, and he was about to join a circus troupe as a professional acrobat when Professor Roberts of the Young Men's Christian Association College called to his attention the better and finer field of physical education, then at its beginning. Mr. Wilder recognized the fact that there was a future in this new field of physical activity and thus caught the vision which Professor Roberts meant him to see—and he then entered what was to be his life work with renewed energy and spirit.

With new interest and purpose Mr. Wilder continued his class-room studies, attending lectures on all subjects allied with physical education, and secured his first position as instructor in Connect-

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icut, dividing his time, for one year, between Meriden and New Haven, in the Young Men's Christian Association. He then went to New Castle, Pennsylvania, for two years, and late, in 1889, came to Worcester to take charge of the gymnasium department in the new Young Men's Christian Association building, then just erected and at that time one of the largest and finest in the country. Mr. Wilder took up the work here with great enthusiasm, putting his full energy into the organization of classes, apparatus work for various ages, games for the younger men, suitable work for older and business men, and developing all phases of the work to suit the needs of those with whom he worked. He also coached the school and college teams in field and track games and aroused great interest in physical education. He became an authority in this field of work and by teaching and example became an inspiration to young and old, awaking the desire for greater physical endurance and skill and showing the way to attain that desire. He remained with the Young Men's Christian Association until June, 1917, when he accepted the position of director of physical education in the public schools of Worcester, which position he has continued to fill with great ability to the present time, a period of almost twenty years. Upon his entrance into this important phase of his work, Mr. Wilder made many changes, reorganizing the work, establishing new and improved systems and methods, prescribing courses of class work, and introducing calisthenics, games, and sports so fitted to the needs, age, and condition of the students as to give the greatest possible benefit. A man of fine character and a natural leader, Mr. Wilder became a source of inspiration to the student body and a pioneer in the establishment of modern methods of physical education. Twenty years of skillful and devoted work on the part of Mr. Wilder and enthusiastic coöperation on the part of the students have enabled Mr. Wilder to accomplish a work the true value of which cannot be estimated or recorded. Mr. Wilder is a member of the District Teachers Association, the Worcester County Teachers Association and the Worcester Principals' Club. As a young man he was active in military affairs, was for three years a member of Company B, 2d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, and qualified as a sharpshooter with a .45 calibre service rifle, at the government range in Springfield. Fraternally, he is identified with Boylston Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, which for many years he served as chaplain. For five years he served as a member of the Lake District School Board. His religious affiliation is with the Lake View Congregational Church, which he has served for many years as senior deacon.

Edward Ward Wilder married, in Springfield, July 8, 1888, Alice King, of that city, daughter of Henry N. King, a contractor and builder of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder became the parents of three children: 1. Alice May, born in New Castle, Pennsylvania; graduated from the Classical High School of Worcester and the Sergent School of Physical Education of Cambridge, Massachusetts; taught four years at the Young Men's Christian Association in Buffalo, New York; married Arthur C. Richardson, a public school educator; they have a daughter, Minnie R., and a son, Carlos E. 2. Bernice M., born in Worcester, graduated from the English High School in Worcester and is now with the State Mutual Assurance Company. 3. Belle E., born in Worcester, graduated from the Classical High School, Worcester, studied at the Worcester County Music School, and is now employed in the department of entymology in the United States Department of Agriculture, at Washington, District of Columbia.

CHARLES O. JOHNSON—In the 1800's and slightly earlier, there were a number of people who came from Sweden to Worcester, many of whom had been iron workers in their native country and continued their vocation in the new land. They made an important and especially appreciated addition to the population of the city. Charles O. Johnson, who was born in Orebro City, Sweden, August 2, 1866, settled in Worcester just as he became of age. He had been graduated from schools in his native country and, learning the trade of cabinetmaking, had worked in many parts of Sweden as an apprentice and journeyman. In the United States, however, he also became a metal worker and founded the well-known firm, the Johnson Steel and Wire Company, of which he was head for many years and which is now efficiently carried on by his three sons.

Charles O. Johnson was the son of J. O. and Cathrina (Malstrom) Johnson, his father being born in Sweden in 1828. The whole family of six, which included the parents, Charles O., Amanda, Emily and Anna, the latter married to John Backlund, of New York City, arrived in Worcester on April 6, 1883. The two men of the family found employment in the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company, as did many of their compatriots. The two started in the wiremaking department of the corporation and from that time continued in the manufacturing industry. Charles O. Johnson early became an expert wire drawer and was not long in receiving promotion to foreman of the fine wire department of the company.

In 1904 Mr. Johnson left the Washburn and Moen concern to go with the Spencer Wire Company, where he organized a fine wire department, specializing in the making of card, rope and special wires. He was superintendent of this department until his resignation on May 1, 1917, when he established himself in business at No. 22 Lakewood Street. He named his works, C. O. Johnson and Sons, and had associated with him Charles D. and Bernard A. Johnson, the two sons that had then reached young manhood. A factory was built during the following year at Jamesville Station, since which time the company has been of steadily increasing importance in the industries of Worcester. At the present time, 1934, the members of the firm include his three sons, Charles D., Bernard A., and George G. Johnson.

Charles O. Johnson died September 29, 1925, at the age of fifty-nine years. Throughout his life he had been an eminently useful citizen, one always ready to do his best to promote the advantages of Worcester. He was a member of the Scandia Credit Union and one of its directors. For many years he was chairman of the deacons and superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Swedish Baptist Church and vice-president of its civil organization. Mr. Johnson was highly respected for his native abilities, his integrity and soundness of judgment in business affairs. Those

knowing him best appreciated his kindly attitude toward his fellowmen, the genuine and broad charity of his outlook on life.

On June 25, 1885, Charles O. Johnson married Emma Matilda Bengson, who died in 1932. They were the parents of four children: 1. Florence, who married Olaf Rebstad, associated with the Johnson Steel and Wire Company. Mr. and Mrs. Rebstad have one son, Emery. 2. Charles D., who married Beatrice Assinault and whose children are Betty Louise, Charles D., Jr., and Robert McLean. 3. Bernard A., who married Martha Holmes and has a daughter, Barbara. 4. George G. Johnson, unmarried.

ARCHIBALD McMILLAN, M. D.—Few representatives of the medical profession in Worcester County and perhaps even in New England, have had as full and varied an experience as Dr. Archibald McMillan, of Athol. He served in the Canadian forces in the World War overseas, holds the commission of a major in the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps, and has qualified as a flight surgeon in the aviation section of the Regular Army. He is a first cousin of Donald McMillan, the noted Arctic explorer.

Dr. McMillan's father, Malcolm McMillan, was born on the Island of Lewis-Harris, Hebrides, Scotland, and came to Canada, settling in Nova Scotia, where he passed his life as a farmer. He died in 1886. His wife was Catherine McIver; she died in 1913.

Archibald McMillan was born at Big Harbor, Nova Scotia, Canada, August 25, 1872. After passing through the public schools and Sydney (Nova Scotia) Academy, he entered the Bowdoin (Maine) Medical College, which graduated him with his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1904. He went to Boston and entered practice there, remaining eight years. There followed a period of travel in Western Canada and British Columbia. In December, 1915, he was in Toronto, Ontario, where he joined the Canadian Army for service in the World War and was assigned to the Medical Corps with the rank of captain. Ordered to Winnipeg, Manitoba, he was on duty as medical officer at that station, until the summer of 1916, when he was transferred to Halifax, Nova Scotia. In August of that year he sailed overseas to England and entered the army camp at Whitley, where he was in training for about a year. He was then ordered to go to France, where as medical officer he was attached to the 4th Canadian Division of Engineers and was with his outfit continuously until after the signing of the Armistice, his service having been wholly on the Western front, where he participated in several offensives and defensives. He returned to England about February, 1919, and was on duty with the Medical Corps, taking care of the wounded and preparing them for removal to Canada. He was back in his native country in September, 1919, and received his honorable discharge at Toronto February 6, 1920, retaining his grade of captain.

In March, 1920, Dr. McMillan was back in Boston, where he first began practice. He only remained until September of that year, however, and then transferred to Lawrence, where he was professionally engaged until 1926, in which year he left for a vacation period of six months. While in Lawrence he enrolled as a member of the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps, in March, 1923, and was commissioned a major, which rank he still holds. In the summer of 1925 he took a course in the School of Aviation at Mitchel Field, Long Island, New York, and qualified as a flight surgeon, being the first medical man in New England to win this grade. In 1928 he was appointed by the United States Department of Commerce as a medical examiner for the purpose of examining students and pilots for the aviation service, his territory being the Athol-Orange district, and he has since held the position. In Worcester County he first located professionally at Petersham, where he was until June, 1930, when he came to Athol, where he has since been building up a large and desirable practice. He is a regularly qualified citizen of the United States and is thoroughly in sympathy with the American viewpoint and with the aims and purposes of our people and institutions. Four years after he came from Canada, he was naturalized as a citizen of this country, September 22, 1899. He is affiliated with the American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Society, Tulley Medical Society of Athol, and Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

Dr. McMillan married, in February, 1926, at Methuen, Grace Everett, daughter of Arthur S. and Harriet (Doane) Everett. They have their residence at No. 1771 Main Street, Athol.

EDWARD H. TRIPP—To those of a passing generation the name of Edward H. Tripp was not only familiar, but the man who bore it was one of the best beloved and respected citizens of Worcester. He was a native of New Hampshire, born July 5, 1846, a son of Dr. Benjamin H. and Abigail (Winn) Tripp. Dr. Tripp was a graduate of Bowdoin College and for many years was a prominent physician of Rutland, Massachusetts. He was also one of the three men, who, in a day almost forgotten, purchased the railroad project which started laying tracks from Worcester through Rutland, Massachusetts, known as the Massachusetts Central Railroad.

Edward H. Tripp was given all the educational advantages he desired. He attended the public schools of Rutland and studied in Leicester Academy. Ambition caused him to forego further schooling and, while still a youth, he went to New York City and learned the printer's trade. He was a journeyman printer for a time, eventually coming to Worcester, where he conducted his own printing establishment for forty-seven years. The great length of his career covered a period that extended from the depression of the 'seventies to the high tide of prosperity preceding the World War, an era that was marked by marvelous changes in lighting, transportation and the comfort of living, and almost as great improvements in the equipment of a printing establishment.

Mr. Tripp married Adaliza J. Prouty. who died in 1932, or ten years after the passing of Edward H. Tripp on November 7, 1922. They are survived by a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Tripp, a resident of Worcester.

Mr. Tripp was one of those quiet, but effective citizens who, without the holding of public office, contributed constructively to the development of the municipality and the betterment of the conditions under which its people lived. He was fond

of fast driving horses, when these ranked high among the pleasures of gentlemen. He voted the Republican ticket, was an active member of the Central Congregational Church of Worcester, and was a popular figure in many forms of community life. He had the gift of good companionship, and a legion of friends mourned his death. The love of home and family was dominant in his long and useful life.

LEON E. PRIOR—Pursuing the profession of an educator Leon E. Prior of Baldwinsville, filled a number of important assignments prior to his coming to be superintendent of schools in District No. 2, composed of the towns of Templeton, Hubbardston, Royalston and Phillipston. His administration has shown excellent results in the improvement of the school systems in the respective communities in his jurisdiction.

Born in Ludlow, Vermont, April 6, 1879, Leon E. Prior is the son of Frank and Clara (Parker) Prior. When he was twelve years old he was made an orphan by the death of his parents, and he went to Georgetown, Kentucky, where he had a sister engaged in teaching. Completing there his grade and college preparatory school work, he entered Georgetown College, finished his course and received the degree of Master of Arts in 1901. On his return to his native town of Ludlow, he at once took up educational work, teaching at the Black River Academy for two years. Thence he went to Shelburne High School as principal and filled the position for one year. He next accepted the invitation to be principal of the Richmond (Vermont) High School, where he was stationed four years. On the formation of the Superintendents Union in Vermont in 1909, he was chosen superintendent of the Winooski Valley schools, remaining in this capacity four years.

Mr. Prior then came to Massachusetts and was installed as superintendent of the Charlemont Union. After three years there, he removed to South Dartmouth in this State, and was superintendent of that town's schools for three years. There followed seven and one-half years as superintendent of the Peterborough (New Hampshire) schools, from which town he went to West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, of which union he was superintendent for four years. It was in 1929 that he was called to be superintendent of District No. 2, his present charge, and in October of that year he began his work here. His record as an able educator and administrator preceded his acceptance of the position. He is a member of the Worcester County Association of School Superintendents, the Massachusetts School Superintendents Association, and the National Education Association. Active in civic affairs, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patrons of Husbandry (Grange). His religious fellowship is with the Baptist Church, in which he serves as deacon.

Mr. Prior married, in July, 1906, Alice May Stone, of Andover, Massachusetts, and their children are: 1. Betty, a teacher in the Winchendon public schools. 2. Miriam, a student in the Ithaca (New York) College of Music. Mrs. Prior is a member of the Baldwinsville Woman's Club and the Baptist Church.

FRANCIS ALBERT REYNOLDS, M. D.—In the practice of advanced surgery, Dr. Francis A. Reynolds, of Athol, has become well and favorably known to the profession and public generally in Worcester and contiguous counties. He also does a large amount of work with X-ray apparatus, and in this branch of medicine he is rated as an expert and specialist.

Born in Winthrop, Massachusetts, May 24, 1896, Dr. Francis Albert Reynolds is the son of Anthony and Teresa (Stripka) Reynolds, the former a retired grocer, of Boston, and the latter deceased in 1919. After passing through the grade and high schools in Boston, he took a premedical course at Tufts College, following with a regular course of medical studies at the University of Maryland, where he was graduated with his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1921. He served an interneship of about one and one-half years at the University Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, and the Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Massachusetts. In 1922 he opened an office for practice in Athol, where and elsewhere that he is professionally engaged he has been very successful. Desirous of perfecting himself as a specialist in Roentgenology, he took post-graduate work in this science at Harvard Medical School and has since employed it to excellent advantage in his practice in his office and in hospitals to which he is attached as a staff member.

To numerous organized bodies of the medical fraternity, Dr. Reynolds has been admitted because of his high standing in the profession. He is affiliated with the American Medical Association, New England Roentgen-Ray Society, Massachusetts Medical Society, and Tulley Medical Society of Athol. He is a member of the medical staff of Farren Memorial Hospital at Montague City, an associate staff member of the Franklin County Hospital at Greenfield, and a member of the surgical staff of the Henry Heywood Hospital at Gardner. During the World War, when he was at school, he served in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Navy. He is a vice-president of the Athol Credit Union, president of the Athol Exchange Club, a Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the fourth degree of that order, affiliating also with Boston Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and being a member of the Elmwood Country Club of Athol. He is doing excellent work as a member of the Athol Recreation Commission. His religious connection is with St. Francis Church (Roman Catholic), of Athol.

Dr. Reynolds married, August 20, 1923, at Brockton, Massachusetts, Pauline Nellie Abraczinsky, daughter of Michael and Ursula (Green) Abraczinsky, of that city, where both her parents are living. Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds have two children: 1. Patricia Marie, born May 7, 1925. 2. Francis Albert, Jr., born September 20, 1928.

CHARLES H. BRYANT—A representative citizen of the county, the late Charles H. Bryant, of Worcester, made a success of his agricultural enterprise, with which he combined a milk business. He was a substantial citizen of the community, progressive in his own affairs and ever seeking the best interests of the community.

The progenitor of the family of Bryant (Briant) in England was Sir Guy de Briant, who, according to family history, lived in the reign of Edward III. John Bryant, of Scituate, Plymouth Colony, is claimed as the immigrant ancestor of Charles H. Bryant. He married (first) Mary Lewis, (second) Elizabeth Witherell, and (third) Mary Highland. The line of descent is through Lieutenant John Bryant, eldest son of John and Mary (Lewis) Bryant, and Mary, his wife; their son, David, and Hannah Church, his wife; their son, Jacob, and Abigail, his wife; their son, Jonathan, and Anna Warren, his wife; their son, John, and Fanny Smith, his wife; their son, Charles, and Mary Jane (Bryant) Bryant, his wife; to their son, Charles H., of whom further.

Charles H. Bryant, third child of Charles and Mary Jane (Bryant) Bryant, was born in Holden, Worcester County, January 10, 1854, and attended the common schools, concluding his education at Howe's Business College, Worcester. His farming and milk interests were conducted on a large scale, and in these lines he was one of the best known men of the city. His farm was one of the most valuable in the county, situated on the Holden Road, on the outskirts of the city proper. Politically he was aligned with the Republican party and he was an active member of Worcester Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Bryant married, March 15, 1881, Lizzie Hattie Allen, daughter of Asa Mixter and Elizabeth A. (Richardson) Allen. Her father came to Worcester with the Worcester Wire Mill Company, being at the time one of fourteen men who were the first to engage in the wire industry. About 1830 he purchased a farm, which is now the site of No. 165 Holden Street, Worcester. He was a member of the old Massachusetts State Guards. He died in 1880. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bryant follow: 1. Fannie Elizabeth, born December 21, 1881, who served as a graduate nurse in Worcester City Hospital. 2. Nellie Jane, born December 5, 1883, a teacher in the public schools of Worcester. 3. Flora Allen, born October 13, 1894. 4. Esther Louise, born February 5, 1898, died April 20, 1898.

In his fifty-fourth year, Charles H. Bryant died at his home, No. 165 Holden Street, Worcester, August 2, 1907, and his loss was widely regretted in Worcester and throughout the county, where he was known for his sterling qualities of character and business integrity.

CHARLES P. GEMME—As vice-president of the Worcester Lunch Car Company, Charles P. Gemme has performed a valuable work in the business world. A native Canadian, he has richly contributed to the prosperity of the Worcester community and of his adopted country and is highly esteemed among his associates, customers and all who know him.

Mr. Gemme was born on April 30, 1884, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, son of Paul and Julienne (Tisdell) Gemme. His father was a farmer and lived in Canada, until he came to Worcester and opened a butcher's store. Here remaining until 1874, he returned to Canada, but in 1895 again came to the United States, this time settling in New Bedford, Massachusetts, there taking a position in the cloth works of the Wamsutta Mills. After fourteen years there, he came again, in 1910, to Worcester, where he lived with his son until death came to him in 1927 at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, Julienne (Tisdell) Gemme, was a Worcester woman. They had fifteen children, twelve of whom, seven of them sons, are still living. Mrs. Gemme died in 1910.

The man whose name heads this review, Charles P. Gemme, received his early education in the public schools. He spent much of his early life in Canada, and the rest of it in New Bedford, Massachusetts, whither he came at the age of eleven years. After school hours he was employed in the distribution of newspapers. Later he entered the New Bedford textile mills, rising to the position of spinner and weaver of cotton and silk and continuing in this work for four years. His first real opportunity for advancement came in 1904, when, aged twenty years, he came to Worcester and took a position with Thomas Buckley, a pioneer manufacturer of dining and lunch cars. These cars, then new, have made their appearance throughout the United States, scarcely any town or hamlet being without them. Mr. Gemme's association with Mr. Buckley lasted a little more than a year. He was then connected with the Osgood-Bradley Company, famous car builders of Worcester, with whom he completed his studies of the art of fine finish on car work.

There followed a period of practical work with the Worcester Lunch Car Company, whose force he joined on January 17, 1907. Eight months later, on October 1, 1907, he was given charge of all construction work in the manufacture of the beautiful and highly serviceable lunch cars which made that company famous from coast to coast. In 1921 he was elected vice-president of the company and he still retains the responsibilities of designing the company's cars and overseeing their making. Wherever these modern "diners," as they have come to be known, are found as the output of the Worcester Lunch Car Company, they are known to be the result of Mr. Gemme's artistic and designing skill. Every community has them, and some of them cost as much as $25,000. They are beautifully decorated and finished and equipped with the most up-to-date devices and furniture for the satisfaction of the eating public. In addition to being chief designer and overseer of construction on these cars, Mr. Gemme is the originator of the combination door, a combination of screen door and winter door, now in universal use throughout the country. The neat panels of these doors may be removed at will and replaced by screens in the summer months. So practicable did this device prove that almost every designer of "diners" throughout the country adopted it in some form or other. When Mr. Gemme came to this young industry, it employed seven or eight men who did all kinds of work, including repairing and general blacksmithing. The company was then housed in a building at No. 70 Franklin Street, but afterward, in 1917, removed to the present quarters at No. 4 Quinsigamond Avenue. The early cars were no larger in dimensions than seven by sixteen feet. Now they measure twenty-three to sixty feet in length and ten and a half to fourteen feet in width, and cost from $7,000 to $25,000, and more. The company, by far the largest and oldest engaged in this special line of business in the United States, now employs forty men. It was originally established by Philip H. Duprey, who organized it and

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became its president; but its growth in more recent times has been in a large measure the result of Mr. Gemme's effective work.

In addition to his activities with this company, Mr. Gemme is active in such groups as the St. Joseph's Club, the St. Jean Baptiste Society, the Harmony Club, and the Chamber of Commerce, all of Worcester. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of this city.

Charles P. Gemme married (first), in 1911, Alma M. Lacasse, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. The children of this marriage were: 1. Gertrude, who died at the age of four years. 2. Cecile, born March 17, 1914; she was graduated from St. Joseph's Grammar School and Commercial School and Becker's Business College; she then took special work in shorthand and typewriting and in the operation of the Dalton Adding Machine and for her expert work in this particular branch she received first prize, a very beautiful pin, for her ability to write and add nine hundred and sixty-one numbers in four minutes; afterward she attended the Convent of the Sisters of St. Anne, Lachine, Quebec, returning then to Worcester and being given an important position in the office of a leading lawyer; she is now in the employ of the Ware Pratt Company, and attending the Northeastern University Evening School classes. 3. Rita, born July 18, 1916, graduated from St. Joseph's Grammar School in French and English and Commercial School before she was sixteen years of age, and from Becker's Business College; now a senior at the North High School, she is also employed by a Worcester lawyer. 4. Margaret, who died at the age of one year. 5. Lucie, born December 13, 1922, attending St. Joseph's Grammar School. 6. Yvette, born March 16, 1925, also attending St. Joseph's Grammar School. 7. Claire, who died at the age of five months.

Mr. Gemme married (second), in 1931, Mrs. Marie Anne LeBlanc, of Worcester, who had two sons by a former marriage: 1. Laurence, born November 17, 1917, a graduate of St. Joseph's Grammar School, now in the commercial class of 1934. 2. Omer, born December 13, 1920, in the seventh grade at St. Joseph's. The Gemme residence is situated at No. 179 Pilgrim Avenue, Worcester, and Mr. Gemme's business headquarters are at No. 4 Quinsigamond Avenue, this city.

WILLIAM E. TAFT—Well known for his inventions of various devices for the burning of oil for heating purposes, William E. Taft, founder and former president of the Taft Oil Burner Company, Inc., of Athol, developed this business to a point where it distributes its products all over the United States and to some foreign countries. This comparatively infant industry is a fine addition to the commercial lines of Athol and this part of Worcester County.

This family of Taft has long been identified with the manufacture of machinery and appliances in Worcester County. George C. (1) Taft, grandfather of William E., was for many years a manufacturer of shears, punches and drills, also of general machinery equipment, in Worcester. He was prominent in the Masonic Order, having advanced to the thirty-third degree in the Scottish Rite. Among his inventions was the Coe monkey-wrench. His father came from Wales to this county. George C. (2) Taft, son of George C. (1), worked as a machinist in the employ of his father. He married Adella E. Hubbard.

William E. Taft, son of George C. (2) and Adella E. (Hubbard) Taft, was born in Rutland, Massachusetts, February 28, 1884. After passing through the public schools, he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he took courses in steam and mechanical engineering. For a time after leaving college he operated garages in Athol. About 1925 he began perfecting his invention of an oil burner, on which he received letters patent in April, 1932. He has since made improvements on which there are patents pending or applied for. Being a natural, as well as a trained mechanic, he has added to this talent his well known qualifications for business procedure. In 1928 he established the Taft Oil Burner Company, Inc., at No. 74 Fletcher Street, Athol. The articles of incorporation were not, however, approved with a certificate until 1930, Mr. Taft becoming president, George H. Hadley, secretary and treasurer, and Herbert B. Hadley, vice-president. The company set about the production of the Taft oil-burning devices, the line including complete outfits for kitchen ranges, furnaces, heating stoves, and hot-water heaters. It manufactures the distillate and pressure type oil burners. Employment is given to between thirty and forty persons. The products of the company find their way to customers in different parts of this country, Canada, South America and other foreign lands. In Canada there is a branch factory at No. 5016 Papaneau Avenue, Montreal, under the management of S. D. Machand.

Mr. Taft resigned his position as president of the Taft Oil Burner Company on December 4, 1933, to accept the presidency of the Valley Manufacturing Company, Inc., which he recently formed for the purpose of manufacturing and merchandising a new line of oil burning equipment. He will continue his research work with the new company, but will retain his stock interest in the Taft Oil Burner Company, as well as continuing as chief engineer and director of both companies.

Mr. Taft is active in Masonic circles, affiliating with Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Harris Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Athol Commandery, Knights Templar.

William E. Taft married, in 1916, Vina E. Richards, and they have a daughter, Christine Edna. The family lives in Brookside Park, Athol.

EUGENE LEGRAND—By improving his equipment and service, Eugene Legrand has developed the Athol Ice Company, Inc., to a prosperous concern, of which he is treasurer. In the modernization of his plant and delivery service, he has motorized a fleet of five trucks and carries on both a wholesale and retail business. He is an overseas veteran of the World War with the rating of corporal.

Born in Belchertown, Massachusetts, October 2, 1893, Eugene Legrand is a son of Frank and Marie (Noel) Legrand. Both parents were born in Canada, each coming to the United States at the age of eleven years. In due time they married and went to live in Holyoke, later removing to Belchertown, and in 1909 they went to live in South Hadley Falls, across the Connecticut River from Holyoke. The father, who died in June, 1933, was a

farmer. The son, Eugene, received his education in the public schools of Belchertown and South Hadley Falls, graduating from high school in the latter town in 1911.

He first engaged in the ice business in South Hadley Falls, doing a retail business in his own name. In 1926 he disposed of the business to his brother and came to Athol, purchasing from its then owner the Athol Ice Company, which had been established in 1912. He proceeded without delay to incorporate improvements in the plant, delivery system and office. One of the most appealing and useful features of the new ownership is the motorized truck department by which deliveries are facilitated to an increasing number of customers.

The World War record to the credit of Mr. Legrand starts with orders received to proceed to Camp Devens, Ayer, Massachusetts, where he was enrolled as a private. After a period of intensive training, he went overseas in July of the same year as a member of the 76th Division, American Expeditionary Forces. Transferred to the 314th Motor Supply Train, he was at the front until the signing of the Armistice. Afterward he continued on duty in France. On his return to the United States in July, 1919, he was promoted to corporal. Holding this warrant, he was honorably discharged at Camp Merritt in August, 1919. He then resumed his ice business in South Hadley Falls, whence he subsequently transferred his interests to Athol.

Mr. Legrand married, November 26, 1917, at South Hadley Falls, Ellen Beeler, daughter of John and Mary (Glover) Beeler. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Legrand are: 1. Francis Eugene, born June 21, 1918. 2. Faith, born July 9, 1920. 3. Joyce, born November 15, 1921. 4. Junior, born June 14, 1924. 5. Lester, born October 20, 1927. 6. Ronald Earl, born October 31, 1933. The first four were born in South Hadley Falls, the last two in Athol.

HERBERT C. FISHER—As a successful realtor, Herbert C. Fisher of Worcester was well known throughout the State. His achievements in the development of residential sections about his adopted city were substantial factors in the larger growth and prosperity not only of Worcester, but also of several places in the county. He was a native of Holliston, Massachusetts, born October 21, 1869, son of George Brayton and Sarah Louisa (Clark) Fisher and a member of distinguished Colonial families.

On the paternal side, the grandparents of Herbert C. Fisher were Willard and Olive (Brayton) Fisher, of Killingly, Connecticut. The father, George Brayton Fisher, was a prominent merchant and the postmaster of East Medway, Massachusetts. He enlisted and reënlisted in the Federal forces during the Civil War, so that in all he served for more than three years with the Union armies. In the siege of St. Petersburg, Virginia, he was seriously wounded. George B. Fisher married Sarah Louisa Clark, daughter of John and Marietta (Thompson) Clark, of Medway.

After being graduated from the high school, Herbert C. Fisher followed the example of other ambitious and intelligent youths of his day by hunting a job by which he could at least support himself. It was one of those periodical times of depression when work was scarce and poorly paid. He tried his hand at what he could get in his own town and then went to Worcester for larger opportunity. He was connected with the Insolvency Court, now called the Bankruptcy Court, for awhile and by the time he was twenty-four had accumulated enough funds to purchase what was known as the William Merrifield estate. This was in 1893, and was the first important piece of property that Mr. Fisher developed as a residential project. He laid out streets and built houses, selling both homes and lots at reasonable prices and at terms which made their purchase easy. While this way of doing of real estate business is no longer a novelty, it was a new thing forty years ago, and Mr. Fisher was somewhat in advance of his day and generation. He handled the Wetherill estate in a similar fashion. He was in charge of the razing of the old Catholic Cemetery, an unpopular but necessary event. He developed, among other enterprises, the Fuller estate in Brighton and the Nonantum Hill property in that same section. In more recent decades his real estate operations were carried on in many parts of the State from and including Boston to west of Worcester. One of Mr. Fisher's almost forgotten projects goes back to 1905, when he bought the old Wauchacum Picnic Grove, now a part of the Metropolitan Water System. This was a favorite resort of picnickers, and parties came from all over Massachusetts and parts of New England. It was greatly improved and made very attractive. A large power boat was placed upon the pond or lake for the use of pleasure seekers. It is probable that Mr. Fisher had more fun from this enterprise than from many which were more profitable, for he found genuine pleasure in work and business and was of a genial friendly disposition that enjoyed contacts with people in all walks of life.

A different phase of his commercial activities had to do with the rise of modern systems of heating. Mr. Fisher secured the agency in Worcester for the Duplex Gas Heater and was successful in its distribution. He also invented, perfected, made and sold the Fisher Gas Radiator, the first to be passed by the board of insurance underwriters for use in garages and other buildings. He was a director of the Guenther Manufacturing Company, of Buffalo, New York, manufacturers of gas heating systems. Mr. Fisher was financially interested in several commercial and industrial companies and was a large holder of real estate.

In November, 1893, Herbert C. Fisher married Camille Clark, daughter of William S. and Emma (Dearborn) Clark, and they were the parents of Madelyn Clark Fisher and Brayton Dearborn Fisher. Mr. Fisher died on December 11, 1930, at the age of sixty-one years. His career had been one of useful service and permanent achievement. His life made an indelible impression upon the many, young and old, who knew him as a kindly, generous man, one to whom they could look for counsel and help. He was far-seeing, accurate in his judgments and honest in his dealings, enterprising in business, a contributor to the betterment of the municipality, an example of the finest type of citizenship.

LEON M. FARRIN—Under the superintendency of Leon M. Farrin, the public school system of Athol has gone forward as to curriculum, teaching personnel and physical properties. Mr. Farrin is one of the best known educators in the State and came to Athol with a broad experience obtained in similar work elsewhere.

Born in Boston, August 9, 1892, son of Charles Richmond and Bertha (Groves) Farrin, Leon M. Farrin passed through the Boston Latin School to Harvard University, where he was graduated Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1915. He was awarded the degree of Master of Education by Harvard in 1926. In the year he left the university he accepted the principalship of the Niantic (Connecticut) high and grammar schools. He later served in a similar capacity at the Woodbury (Connecticut) high and grammar schools, and at the Holliston (Massachusetts) High School. He was superintendent of schools in succession at Killingly, Connecticut; Brooklyn, Connecticut; Hanover, Hanson and Norwell, Massachusetts; and at Putnam, Connecticut. It was from the last-named city that he was called to Athol to be superintendent of schools in August, 1931.

His professional work was interrupted during the period of the World War, when he was in the service as an ensign in the United States Navy in 1917-18. On receipt of his honorable discharge he returned at once to his educational career. His prominence in the organized bodies of the teaching profession is shown by the offices and memberships held by him. He is affiliated with local, Massachusetts, New England and National Education associations; and has held the following offices: President of the South Shore Schoolmen's Association, vice-president of the Plymouth County (Massachusetts) Teachers Association, president of the Athol Teachers Association. Active in civic affairs in Athol, he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Christian Association, Ellinswood Country Club and Protestant Episcopal Church. A ready speaker on a variety of subjects of informative value, he has been heard frequently with pleasure on the platform in Athol. He is a past president of the Athol Rotary Club. Among his fraternal relations are Revere Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Boston; Concord Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Framingham; Montgomery Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Danielson, Connecticut. In the right of his war service he is a member of the American Legion, being a past vice-commander of Putnam Post.

Mr. Farrin married, November 25, 1920, Grace E. Hill, of Niantic, Connecticut, daughter of Thomas J. and Lillian (Merritt) Hill. Their children are: Leon Hill, Frances Mundell, and Lillian Merritt Farrin. The Farrin family residence is at No. 77 Highland Avenue, and Mr. Farrin's office as superintendent is in the headquarters of the school department at Athol.

GEORGE GIBBS ENGEL—For more than fifteen years engaged in business as a heating and plumbing contractor in Athol, George G. Engel has built up a large volume of trade, having his establishment in a modern building erected expressly for his business and carrying complete stocks in his lines. He has executed many important contracts for semi-public and other buildings and for residences within and outside the town.

Mr. Engel's grandparents, natives of Germany, came in sailing vessels to the United States about 1845 and settled in Brooklyn, New York. They later removed to South Deerfield, Massachusetts. The grandfather served in the Union Army in the Civil War and did not long survive the end of the conflict. Hugo Engel, father of George G., was born in Brooklyn. He removed to Athol and married Katie Gibbs. She has since died. He is a retired pocketbook-maker.

George Gibbs Engel was born in Athol, October 15, 1889, and received his education in the grade and high schools of the town. For three years after leaving school he was employed as a chauffeur. At the end of that time he began learning the plumbing and heating trades and, having served his apprenticeship, he worked as a journeyman for about five years. In 1916 he established himself in business under his own name. Meantime he had purchased a site at No. 59 Island Street and on it in 1931 he erected a substantial building for the purposes of his business. He installed spacious and finely arranged showrooms for the display of his wares and stocked the store with electric and oil stoves, oil burners of various manufacture, and furnaces. He does a general plumbing and heating contracting business, and among the buildings in which he has installed the plumbing is the Memorial Building, one of the finest structures in Athol. He has an excellent reputation in the trade and among his clients and the townspeople. In the civic affairs of the town he is vitally interested, being a member and former treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, in which body he was also chairman of the mercantile committee for one year. He is affiliated with Athol Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and the Exchange Club.

Mr. Engel married, September 5, 1915, at Athol, Gladys Gorton, daughter of Frank and Etta (Thayer) Gorton, the former now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Engel became the parents of five children: David Gorton, Donald Gorton, George Gibbs, Jr., Constance Lois, and Doris Marie. The family residence is at No. 64 Prospect Street, Athol.

DR. RICHARD JOSEPH SHANNAHAN—Probably the oldest police surgeon in the State of Massachusetts, in point of service, is Dr. Richard Joseph Shannahan, who has served the city of Worcester in that capacity for the past twenty-five years.

Richard Shannahan, father of Dr. Shannahan, was born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1843, and died in Worcester, in 1904, at the age of sixty-one years. He was a young boy when he came to this country with his brother James and settled in Worcester, where he lived for more than fifty years. Although his educational advantages were slight and he had neither money nor influence, he was energetic, ambitious, and able, and made for himself a respected place in the life of the community. Beginning in a small way as a boot and shoe maker and dealer, he built up a business which brought to him a fortune. In the earlier days he had boots and shoes made to order by hand for his patrons and later, when machinery made handwork in this field no longer profitable, he continued business as a retail dealer only. A self-made man in the highest sense

of the term, he won in a high degree the respect of his fellow-citizens and served well the community in which he chose to make his home. He married, in Milford, New Hampshire, Margaret Sullivan, who was born in Ireland and came to this country at the age of ten years, and they became the parents of seven children, five girls and two boys. Of these, four sons lived to take their places in the business and professional world: 1. Dr. Richard J., of further mention. 2. John P., for many years proprietor of the South Worcester Market, died in 1929. 3. Edward A., who was in partnership with his brother in the Worcester Market. 4. James F., for many years associated with the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works.

Dr. Richard Joseph Shannahan was born in Worcester, July 27, 1878, in a house which stood across the street from the present newly completed post office building. As a small boy he watched with interest the erection, about 1885, of the "old post office," which was torn down to make room for the fine new one completed in 1932. He attended the public schools of Worcester, graduating from the Classical High School in 1896, and then entered Holy Cross College, from which he was graduated in 1899 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. As he had chosen the medical profession as his future field of activity, he began study in the Medical School of Columbia University, New York City, now known as the College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1903. After serving an interneship of eighteen months in St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, he was made junior surgeon in the New York State Hospital at Central Islip, Long Island, and then, thirteen months later was appointed by the contractor in charge of the construction of the first tunnel under the East River in New York City to serve as physician to look after the welfare of the men engaged in that dangerous work. After thirteen months in that capacity he accepted the appointment made by Mayor Duggan to the position of police surgeon of the city of Worcester, and that responsible office he has held continuously from that time to the present. As the appointment is always made for two years only, Dr. Shannahan has now been appointed many times in succession, regardless of the political affiliations of the various mayors, convincing proof of his efficiency and popularity. When Dr. Shannahan first became police surgeon he was alone in that office, doing all the work himself. Now he has three assistants, with the aid of whom he at times takes care of 3,500 cases in a year. His office at police headquarters (where he has a small emergency hospital and where the city ambulances are housed) is open day and night, and calls come in for service in all kinds of accidents. If someone falls dead in the street, or kills himself, or attempts suicide, or meets with accidental death, Dr. Shannahan's office is called. Cases of murder, assault and battery, and all automobile accidents come under his jurisdiction, and a quarter of a century of such service has made him an expert in his field. It is his duty to take charge in association with the district attorney, of the situation in all such cases, and it is also necessary for him to spend much time in court giving testimony. As a surgeon, too, he is called upon to use his skill in performing a wide range of emergency operations. In addition to the police work, which absorbs the greater part of his time, he also has an office for private practice, located at his home at No. 839 Main Street. This house, purchased by Dr. Shannahan in 1917, was formerly the residence of the late E. T. Smith and was, in its early years, one of the finest homes in the city, the interior woodwork being of special beauty and fine workmanship.

Along with the heavy responsibilities of his public and private professional work, Dr. Shannahan has also invested largely and to good advantage in real estate, and during the "boom years" handled his holdings very successfully. He is a member of the Worcester District Medical Society, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Knights of Columbus, and the City of Worcester Patriotic Order of Foresters. His religious affiliation is with St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Richard Joseph Shannahan married, in New York City, September 7, 1907, Kathleen Ryder, who was born in New York City, daughter of Colonel Thomas Francis Ryder, owner of the Red Fort Iron Works, located on West Street, New York City. Dr. and Mrs. Shannahan have two children: 1. Madeline Ryder, born October 21, 1910, educated at New Rochelle College, New Rochelle, New York, class of 1933. 2. Virginia Ryder, born May 24, 1912, now a student in New Rochelle College.

CHARLES M. THAYER—Regarded as a leader in the legal profession and most certainly as one of the outstanding men of his day in this county, the late Charles M. Thayer, of Worcester, served clients who placed in his charge cases involving millions of dollars. He was a director in a number of important corporations—industrial and financial—and was identified with the leading organized interests of his profession. In cultural and social circles he was also prominently known and cordially liked.

Born December 4, 1866, at Worcester, Charles M. Thayer was the son of Judge Adin and Caroline (Weld) Thayer, leaders in the civic and social life of their day. Judge Thayer was long a powerful and commanding figure in the inner councils of the Republican party in Massachusetts. He was a close friend of the great Charles Sumner and had a part in the organization of the widely known Home Market Club of Boston. His son, Charles M., subject of this review, was graduated in 1885 from the Classical High School in Worcester, where, during his student years, he founded the Sumner Club, so named in memory of the immortal Massachusetts statesman. He next entered Harvard College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889. This he followed with his legal training at Harvard Law School, completing the course and passing the Suffolk bar examinations.

On his return to Worcester, in 1892, he was admitted to the bar at a sitting of court in this county and at once began practice. The early years of his professional activity were featured somewhat by a practical interest in politics. He was elected to the Worcester school committee on which he served four years, the last half of his term in the capacity of chairman. While his genuine interest in the schools of the city continued throughout his life, yet he would never permit his

Charles M. Thayer

friends to use his name in connection with any other public office of a political character. He was always willing and ready, however, to give of his judgment and advice to those of his friends active in political life, who often consulted him for this purpose. For years he was a speaker at high school commencement exercises, not only while in office but after his term on the school committee had ended. Among his choice companions were his books, and his studious nature never felt more at home than when he was surrounded by them in his well-filled spacious library.

For twenty-two years Mr. Thayer practiced law alone. But in 1914 he united with Frank C. Smith, Jr., and George A. Gaskill in forming the partnership of Thayer, Smith and Gaskill, which soon became one of the foremost law firms of this jurisdiction, if not all New England. Large and important manufacturing interests, having learned of his business and financial acumen, chose him as counsel. Of such valued service was his advice that a number of these business concerns prevailed upon him to be a member of their boards of directors. In this capacity he served the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works, and prior to that consolidation he had been counsel for both the Crompton Loom Works and the Knowles Loom Works. He was also a director of the Wyman-Gordon Company and the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, and a trustee of the Peoples Savings Bank. Among his profession affiliations were the Worcester County Bar Association, Massachusetts State Bar Association, and American Bar Association. He was also a member of the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester Fire Society, Worcester Historical Society, Worcester Natural History Society, which last-named body he served as its first vice-president; and a former director of the Worcester Free Public Library, Worcester Welfare Federation, and the Associated Charities. His clubs included the Worcester Country, Tatnuck, University, Union (Boston), and Eastern Yacht clubs. He was superintendent of the Sunday school of the Church of the Unity, for many years, and later, when this church was merged with the First Unitarian, he became a member of that organization.

During the World War Mr. Thayer took an active interest in the work of the Red Cross and was the head and director of the speakers' bureau of Worcester County for two and a half years. In this capacity he arranged the details for the Red Cross rallies throughout all the towns in the county.

Mr. Thayer married, April 7, 1907, Anna G. Chittenden, daughter of Simeon B. Chittenden, of Brooklyn, New York. To this marriage two children were born, a daughter, Constance, and a son, Philip.

The death of Charles M. Thayer, which occurred on November 27, 1932, when he was within about a week of his sixty-sixth birthday, removed from the city and county of Worcester and the State at large an unusually brilliant man, who had brought honor to a historic bar and had aided the advance of commercial relations, the cause of education, and social life. He will be greatly missed among all those associations which had benefited appreciably by his presence and active participation in their affairs.

DR. ERNEST L. HUNT has practiced his profession in the city of Worcester for three decades. He was born in Abington, Massachusetts, November 11, 1877, son of Washington and Mary (Nickerson) Hunt. Through his father's line he is a descendant of Enoch Hunt, who came to this country from England (Wendover) in 1638, settling first in Rhode Island, later in Weymouth, Massachusetts, and who became the founder of the "Weymouth line of Hunts." His grandson in direct line, Colonel Ephraim Hunt (1650-1713), of Weymouth, was a member of that Committee of the General Court having "general powers to order and regulate all matters concerning the settlement" of Worcester (2d settlement 1683-1702), having been appointed thereto by the president and council subsequent to the death of General Daniel Gookin.

Washington Hunt was born in East Abington (now Rockland), February 27, 1827, and died in Abington May 8, 1893. Mary (Nickerson) Hunt was born in Mercer, Maine, June 10, 1834, and died in Franklin, Massachusetts, February 20, 1919. Of this union there were born five children: 1. Charles W., born November 17, 1855. 2. Martha Ella, born December 1, 1859. 3. Frank E., born January 31, 1863. 4. Brenelle, born February 27, 1875. 5. Ernest Leroi, of whom further.

Dr. Hunt attended the public schools of Abington until the senior year of high school (1894), when, having passed the entrance examinations to the Medical School of Harvard University, he left the high school to take a special course in analytic chemistry at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and for several years (until 1898) worked as a pharmacist to secure the means for prosecuting his medical studies at Harvard. Feeling that pharmacy and its allied science of chemistry were excellent foundations for a medical education, he pursued them with sufficient diligence to become a registered pharmacist in Massachusetts in 1899 at the age of twenty-one. In 1898 he matriculated in the Medical School of Harvard University, from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine *(cum laude)* in 1902. A few months before graduation he entered Worcester City Hospital as interne (February 26, 1902) serving the then required sixteen months in that capacity, graduating June 30, 1903. He then decided to locate in Worcester and opened an office at No. 2 Wellington Street, later receiving Dr. Philip H. Cook into professional association and moving to more commodious offices in the Standish Apartments, No. 771 Main Street. This association was a happy one and endured for fourteen years, until the participation of the United States in the World War drew Dr. Hunt into military service.

In the fall of 1903, when the new pathological building at Worcester City Hospital was opened, Dr. Hunt was appointed assistant pathologist (under Dr. Frederick H. Baker, pathologist), and from that time until 1929 gave unsparingly of time and effort to the development of the pathological department of the hospital which, as time went on, became a centre of pathology, bacteriology, serology clinical and medico-legal chemistry. Here, besides routine work for the hospital, Dr. Hunt conducted research work in serology, some results of which were presented to the Massachusetts Medico-Legal Society and later published as a

joint paper with Miss Ora M. Mills under the title "Some Experience Bearing on the Medico-Legal Value of the Precipitin Test for Human Blood."

In 1908 he was appointed by Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., an associate medical examiner for Worcester County, to which office he has been successively reappointed by Governors David I. Walsh, Calvin Coolidge, Alvin C. Fuller and Joseph I. Ely. The appointment by Governor Guild made him eligible to fellowship in the Massachusetts Medico-Legal Society, which he later served as secretary for several years and president for two terms (1926-28), during which period the society's semi-centennial was celebrated. While secretary he revived and edited the "Transactions of the Massachusetts Medico-Legal Society," the publication of which had lapsed during the World War. This periodical is unique in the field of legal medicine and has since been regularly published by the society.

While the fundamental sciences related to medicine were Dr. Hunt's basic interests, he did not neglect the clinical side of medicine. Preferring surgery as the branch in which his experience in pathological anatomy could best be applied to the relief of human ailments, he turned his attention to that specialty and in 1908 was appointed surgeon to the out-patient department of Worcester City Hospital and in 1918 assistant surgeon to the hospital proper.

Soon after the entry of this country into the World War the United States Selective Service was organized to draft the country's man-power into the great army which was ultimately to become the decisive factor in that great struggle. Dr. Hunt was appointed by the President a medical member of the local board for Division Four for the city of Worcester and served continuously for thirteen months until, by his official acts having sent several hundreds of his friends and fellow-citizens into the dangers and hardships of military service, he felt constrained to follow them. He, therefore, accepted a commission as captain in the Medical Corps of the United States Army and reported for duty at the Base Hospital, Camp Sevier, Greenville, South Carolina, July 25, 1918, where he served chiefly as pathologist until after the Armistice, when he was transferred to Base Hospital, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia, again serving as pathologist and as chief of laboratory service until honorably discharged March 22, 1919.

A few months after his return to Worcester the trustees of the City Hospital offered Dr. Hunt a full-time position as surgeon and director of the surgical division, which he accepted and with the position the obligation to reorganize the staff and the work of the surgical division to fulfil the standardization program of the American College of Surgeons. This objective was speedily accomplished and was followed by a period of great expansion of the work of the hospital and of its service, not only to the citizens of Worcester and surrounding towns, but to the cause of medical science at large. The orthopedic, urological and physio-therapy departments were part of the organization work of this period.

In 1928, following the death of his wife, Isabel (Girling) Hunt, Dr. Hunt asked and received the privilege of furnishing a library in Thayer Hall, the new home for nurses, as a memorial to her and added an endowment for the yearly purchase of books, furnishings, art objects, etc.

He continued as director of the division of surgery until March 1, 1933, when, after thirty years of almost continuous service to the hospital and having attained the age of fifty-five, he resigned from active service and was appointed to the surgical consulting staff.

In addition to the professional connections above mentioned, Dr. Hunt has served other institutions of Worcester and vicinity in various capacities. He was consulting anasthetist to Memorial Hospital 1915 to 1919, during which period he introduced nitrous-oxide-oxygen anasthesia to Worcester hospitals. He was pathologist to United States Veteran Hospital No. 89 at Rutland Heights from 1928 to 1932 and is at present consulting surgeon to that institution. He is also consulting surgeon to the Worcester County Sanitarium, the Holden District Hospital, the Louis Pasteur Hospital, the Harrington Memorial Hospital of Southbridge; consulting urologist to Fairlawn Hospital; and member of courtesy staffs of Worcester Hahnemann and Memorial hospitals.

Besides in the Massachusetts Medico-Legal Society he has been active in other professional bodies. He is a member of the Worcester District Medical Society, of which he was secretary from 1912 to 1918 and president in 1931-32; a Fellow of the Massachusetts Medical Society, of which he has been a councillor since 1918; a member of the American Medical Association; a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; member of the New England Surgical Society and of the American Urological Society. He has been a frequent contributor to medical journals, writing generally upon subjects relating to applied surgery, pathology and legal medicine.

Dr. Hunt has long been interested in the National Red Cross. A first-aid manual obtained in 1895 became book No. 1 of his surgical library. His direct participation in the work of the Red Cross began in 1917, when Worcester Chapter was expanding its organization to meet the war time burdens which it was to carry with much honor to Worcester and credit to itself. As first chairman of the educational committee, Dr. Hunt enrolled a group of physicians and nurse instructors and organized a school of first-aid and home nursing, which became very popular and through which several hundred persons were instructed, examined and certified.

After the war Dr. Hunt again took up Red Cross work and organized the Disaster Relief Committee of Worcester Chapter in 1925. In 1926 he became chairman of the chapter and is still active in that position.

Dr. Hunt married at Worcester, June 4, 1907, Isabel Girling, who was born October 21, 1876, daughter of James Girling, who was born in England, August 3, 1845, and Eliza (Rayforth) Girling, also born in England, November 7, 1854. Three children were born of this marriage: 1. Isabel, born March 7, 1908, now Mrs. James Albert Dawson, of North Providence, Rhode Island. 2. Ethel Dorothy, born July 14, 1911. 3. Mildred Elizabeth, born January 12, 1913, now Mrs. Charles A. Hall, of Providence, Rhode Island. After an illness of several months Isabel (Girling) Hunt died May 28, 1928. Dr. Hunt married (second), September

21, 1929, Charlotte Stiles Alling, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, but who at the time of her marriage to Dr. Hunt had been for some years a resident of Worcester. Mrs. Hunt is a descendant of Roger Alling, one of the original settlers of the New Haven Colony in 1638, and through her mother from William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth Colony. Captain John Mason of Pequot War fame married into this line. Mrs. Hunt's grandfather was Edward Austin Sheldon, educator, of Oswego, New York. She is a graduate of Northwestern University, Bachelor of Science, *summa cum laude*, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi societies. Dr. and Mrs. Hunt have one child, born March 26, 1931, Roger Alling, named for the founder of the Alling line in America. Dr. and Mrs. Hunt make their home at No. 20 Kenilworth Road, Worcester, and have their summer home at Saybrook, Connecticut.

Fraternally, Dr. Hunt is affiliated with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Ridgley Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Harvard Club of Worcester, Worcester Economic Club and Worcester Country Club. Politically, he supports the principles of the Republican party, and his religious affiliations are with the Universalist Church.

CHARLES ERNEST WINFIELD MATTHEWS—His life's work associated with the textile industry, Charles E. W. Matthews occupies the important positions of superintendent and director of the Davis and Brown Woolen Company, of Uxbridge, one of the larger and more important of the corporations thus engaged in this section of the State. One of the representative men of the town, he is intensely interested in all public affairs.

Mr. Matthews' parents, Jabez and Ruth (Overend) Matthews, came before their marriage from their native place, Trowbridge, England, and settled in Connecticut. His father was a mill man for a number of years and later engaged in the grocery business at Mapleville, Rhode Island.

Born in Putnam, Connecticut, September 25, 1873, Charles Ernest Winfield Matthews received his education in the local public schools and at Williston Seminary in Easthampton, this State. At the age of fourteen he took a job as bobbin boy at the Huntington Manufacturing Company. In 1895 he journeyed to Baltimore, Maryland, and entered the employ of the Ashland Manufacturing Company, remaining there about four and one-half years. He arrived in Danielson, Connecticut, in 1899, and was made superintendent of the dressing department of the Davis and Brown Woolen Company in this town. He remained in this connection in Danielson for five years.

Mr. Matthews was transferred in 1905 from Danielson to the Uxbridge mill of the Davis and Brown Woolen Company in the capacity of bookkeeper. In 1912 he was made superintendent of the plant, and in 1916 was elected to the board of directors. He has entire charge of the company's Uxbridge mill, which manufactures thibets, cloakings and overcoatings. As vice-president of the Uxbridge Savings Bank, he is rated as one of the substantial men of the town. Among his fraternal alliances are Solomon's Temple Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; the Scottish Rite (thirty-second degree); and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. He is a member and past president of the Uxbridge Rotary Club and a former president of the Blackstone Valley Mills Association. A member of the First Evangelical Congregational Church, of Uxbridge, he serves as chairman of its invested funds and as treasurer of the parish house.

Mr. Matthews married, September 27, 1913, Hattie Mabel Gunn, of Uxbridge.

DR. WILLIAM HENRY PERRY—For a score of years, Dr. William H. Perry has filled the office of superintendent of schools of Leominster and in the system has introduced many improvements as to curriculum, methods and plant.

Of English descent, William Henry Perry was born in North Hoosick, New York, December 6, 1867, the son of Simeon S. and Lydia A. (Sly) Perry. His father was a teacher in the public schools of New York, and his mother conducted a private school in Buskirk, New York, which included children of all grades from those just entering school to those preparing for college. She was a highly educated woman. The son, William Henry, was reared in his native State and received his early instruction from his mother. From the Troy Conference Academy, Poultney, Vermont, he went to Syracuse University, where he was graduated Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1893. He later made his Master of Arts at the same university. In the fall of 1893 he went to Lowville, New York, to be vice-principal at the academy there, and was stationed in this position two years. In order to obtain a more comprehensive knowledge of elementary work, the better to qualify himself as a teacher and supervisor, he entered the State Normal School at Albany, New York. His record here was superior, and he was chosen as one of the orators and given the degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy at graduation exercises in 1896. Invited back to Lowville to be principal of the academy, he accepted and held the position for eleven years. He then entered New York University and did post-graduate work for one year, receiving at graduation the degree of Master of Pedagogy. The following year he tutored the children of a family, and carried forward his studies, his advanced work earning him the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy in 1909.

Dr. Perry's major career as an educator began in 1909, in which year he was installed as superintendent of schools at Westerly, Rhode Island. At the end of one year he resigned to accept the superintendency of the Stonington (Connecticut) public school system. He was there four years and in 1914 came to Leominster, where he has since filled the position of school superintendent. To the administration of his department he has given of his best, and has introduced many notable changes in the courses of study and in the conduct of the schools as well. He is giving especial attention to the training of backward and deficient pupils, and this work has proved most gratifying in many instances. During his régime there has been erected in Leominster one of the finest junior high school buildings in this part of the State. So widespread has his reputation as a progressive educator become, that he is often called upon to expound his ideas and methods for the benefit of

school authorities in different sections of the country. He is continually devising ways and means for the improvement or advance of the local school system. His affiliations with organized bodies of the profession are important and include the National Education Association, Department of Superintendents of the national body, Massachusetts School Superintendents Association, New England Superintendents Association, Worcester County Teachers Association, Massachusetts Schoolmasters Club, and Worcester County Superintendents Club. He is active in civic affairs, a member and president of the Leominster Rotary Club, a member of the Leominster Club, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he is also chairman of the board of trustees.

Dr. Perry married (first), August 12, 1896, Hattie L. Rich, a teacher, of Morrisville, Vermont. She died in 1901. By this marriage there are three children: 1. Mildred R., married Felix Montano, who is with the Hartford, Connecticut, Trust Company. 2. Robert W., who is head of the science department of the Malden (Massachusetts) High School. He married Edna M. Schoenrock. 3. Florence E. Perry. Dr. Perry married (second) Katharine L. Mereness, of Lowville, New York. By this marriage there are two children: 4. Charles M., a salesman in New York City. 5. Henry B., at home, a student in high school. Mrs. Perry is actively identified with women's affairs, cultural and social. She is chairman of the ways and means committee of the Leominster Fortnightly Club. A proficient linguist, speaking a number of languages, she is a member of the Cercle Française and belongs to a number of social clubs. She also gives lectures on art under the auspices of the University Extension Division of the Massachusetts State Department of Education.

RALPH HENRY ALTON—As manager of the Worcester Suburban Electric Company and the Blackstone Electric Company, with headquarters at Uxbridge, Ralph H. Alton is doing much to advance the service of these public utilities. His father, George Henry Alton, a native of Massachusetts, was a mechanical engineer for the General Electric Company at Lynn. After forty-one years of continuous service he was retired, subsequently passing considerable of his time at his home in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he died in 1930. His wife, before marriage, was Mary Alice Osgood, born in New Hampshire.

Ralph Henry Alton was born in Boston, January 31, 1883, and passed through the public schools of Lynn, in which city the family was living at the time. He took a post-graduate course in the Lynn High School, and entered the University of Maine, where he was graduated in 1905 with the Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, receiving his degree of Electrical Engineer in 1908. Joining the General Electric Company's staff at Schenectady, New York, he was assigned to the testing department, with which he was connected for about one and one-half years. He has the distinction of having had charge of the first group or fleet of electric locomotives, thirty-five in number, to run out of New York City. In his possession remains the control lever of the first electric locomotive of the passenger type to be installed on the New York Central Railroad.

He later became a construction engineer, traveling pretty much over the country while engaged principally in electrical railway installation. He next went to work for the Federal Government in the testing of gasoline-electric generating sets, being stationed at the Lynn works of the General Electric Company for one year. From there he went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to take charge of the central electric station and railway departments. While in that city his health became impaired and he was transferred to San Francisco, California, being attached to the general office in that city in the capacity of assistant sales manager. He was associated with that work for six years, during which time he introduced electrification into the oil fields of California.

He was given the complete oversight of the General Electric Company's interests in the building of the exposition of 1915. Accepting the dual position of superintendent and engineer of the Mohrlite Company of San Francisco, he was with this concern when, as the only recipient in its class, it was awarded the only gold medal and citation for lighting fixtures shown at the exposition in 1915. He was with this concern for one and one-half years, or until its removal to Urbana, Ohio. He entered the civil service of the United States Government in 1917, being assigned to the Engineer Corps of the United States Army, and was stationed at Erie, Pennsylvania, as resident engineer, holding the title of inspector in the regular army. He was at Erie when he accepted a commission in the army during the World War period. He was ordered to Washington and assigned to duty as an instruction officer, serving until his discharge in 1919 with the rank of captain of engineers. Thence he went to New Haven, Connecticut, where he was a commercial engineer in the industrial power department. It was in March, 1920, that he accepted the superintendency of the Worcester Suburban Electric Company and settled in Uxbridge at the company's general offices. His promotion to the post of manager followed in due time. His position also carries the general managership of the Blackstone Electric Company, as already mentioned.

He is a life-member of Mount Carmel Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Lynn; affiliates with the Scottish Rite Freemasons (thirty-second degree), Peoria, Illinois; Mohammed Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Peoria; Charles A. Rice Post, No. 35, American Legion (charter member), of Uxbridge; Uxbridge Rotary Club (president); Uxbridge Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; Izaak Walton League; Unitarian Laymen's League; and Whitinsville Country Club. His recreations are photography, hunting and fishing.

Mr. Alton married, June 12, 1908, Marion A. Atwell, of Orono, Maine, and they have a son, George Gilbert Alton, born in Oakland, California, November 8, 1914.

LEMUEL G. HODGKINS—Through his long connection with the insurance business in Worcester, Lemuel G. Hodgkins, secretary of the Massachusetts Protective Association, Inc., secretary of the Massachusetts Life Assurance Company, and secretary of the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company, all having offices at No. 18 Chestnut

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Street, is well known in insurance circles throughout New England and is one of the recognized authorities in his sphere of activity.

Frank E. Hodgkins, father of Mr. Hodgkins, was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts, son of William H. Hodgkins, an early resident of Charlestown, who followed the blacksmith trade there during his entire active life. The son received his education in the public schools of Charlestown and soon after graduating from the local high school entered the employ of the National Lead Company, with whom he remained until he retired from active life. He died in Melrose, Massachusetts, at the age of sixty-six years. He married Eveline Gulliver, who was born in Milton, Massachusetts, but resided in Somerville at the time of her marriage, daughter of Lemuel Gulliver, president of the old Union Bank of Boston, who died at the age of seventy-eight years, and they became the parents of four children, of whom three are living: 1. Ethel G., who married Edward S. Thompson, and resides in Brooklyn. 2. Dorothy E., who lives in New York City, where she is in the employ of the Life Insurance Adjustment Bureau which is a bureau for the investigation and adjustment of questions that arise from time to time in the industrial life insurance field, when the same person carries a number of weekly premium policies in different companies and it becomes necessary to discontinue one or more of them. 3. Lemuel G., of further mention.

Lemuel G. Hodgkins, son of Frank E. and Eveline (Gulliver) Hodgkins, was born in Somerville, Massachusetts, April 2, 1877. He received his early education in the public schools of Somerville and prepared for college in Worcester Academy, from which he was graduated in 1896. The following fall he matriculated in Dartmouth College, at Hanover, New Hampshire, as a member of the class of 1900, but after two years he left college to enter, in 1898, the insurance business as an employee in the insurance department of the State of Massachusetts. This connection he maintained for seventeen years, first as clerk, later as chief examiner, and finally as deputy insurance commissioner, filling these various positions with great benefit to the department and credit to himself, and gaining a very wide experience in and knowledge of the insurance business. These years were years of intensive training, and his promotions were just rewards of proven ability and skill. He left the Massachusetts insurance department in 1915, and for a year he served as secretary and general manager of the Massachusetts Rating and Inspection Bureau, which bureau was organized at that time by the companies that were transacting the business of workmen's compensation insurance in Massachusetts. In 1916 he went to New York as secretary and general manager of the National Automobile Underwriters Conference, an organization composed of fire, marine and casualty companies, transacting the business of automobile insurance in the United States and he served in this capacity for the following two years. In 1918 he was made secretary of the Massachusetts Protective Association, Inc., which had been operating as an accident and health insurance company for about twenty-five years, and in 1924, when the Massachusetts Protective Life Assurance Company was organized to transact the business of life insurance as a sister company to the Massachusetts Protective Association, Inc., he was also made secretary of that company. Both these companies operate in every State in the Union and have been very successful in their fields. In 1930 Mr. Hodgkins was chosen secretary of the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company. The demands of his various executive positions have not kept Mr. Hodgkins from taking an active part in civic, fraternal and club affairs. Politically, he supports the principles of the Republican party. He is a member and director of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and of the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association, and has always been actively interested in plans for the betterment of the community. Fraternally, he is identified with all the Masonic bodies, both York and Scottish Rite. He is a member of Isaiah Thomas Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Worcester; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Lawrence Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and of Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar, all of the York Rite. In the Scottish Rite, he is a member of Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix; and the Connecticut Valley Consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. Among his clubs are the Worcester and the Worcester Country Club; and he is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon college fraternity. He finds healthful recreation on the golf links and is a welcome and highly esteemed member of all the organizations with which he is affiliated.

Lemuel G. Hodgkins married, March 26, 1907, Alice Lawrence Whittemore, of Wollaston, Massachusetts, daughter of Walter L. Whittemore, who for some years was connected with the United Shoe Machinery Company, but later was associated with his brother in the Whittemore Shoe Polish Company. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkins have two children: 1. Ruth G., born October 14, 1908, a graduate of the Garland school of Boston; married, March 24, 1933, Edward R. Hodgkins, who is associated with the Massachusetts Protective Life Assurance Company. 2. Virginia N., born October 30, 1911, who is a junior in Skidmore College, at Saratoga Springs, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkins make their home in Worcester and maintain a summer place at Kennebunk Beach, Maine.

MAJOR VICTOR EVERETT EDWARDS—An engineer of distinguished record and an inventor of national prominence, Major Victor Everett Edwards was instrumental in effecting revolutionary changes in the process of steel technology. His invention of the now famous flying shears marks a brilliant chapter in the history of the steel industry and altered the course of its development. More than a hundred other patents were also entered in his name.

Major Edwards was born on September 4, 1862, at North Chelmsford, Massachusetts. During the greater part of his life, however, he was a resident of Worcester County, which is proud to claim him by adoption. He was a son of Dr. Nathan Brown and Sibbyl (Hutchins) Edwards, and his father was by profession a physician. Major Edwards received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birth place. After his graduation from the North Chelmsford High School he became a student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and was there graduated at the head of his

class in 1883, taking the degree in mechanical engineering. During the earlier part of his career he was associated with the Merrimack Manufacturing Company of Lowell as assistant chief engineer, with the Washburn and Moen Company of Worcester as assistant engineer, and with the Otis Steel Company of Cleveland in the same capacity. Subsequently, however, he became connected with the Morgan Construction Company at Worcester and for many years was chief engineer, vice-president and a director of this corporation. These offices he held until within a short time of his death, playing a part of major importance in the direction of company affairs.

Major Edwards' remarkable inventive talents were early apparent. In the course of his engineering duties he saw possibilities for many improvements in steel processing and devoted much of his leisure to the development of his ideas. These resulted in a whole series of steel manufacture patents, both United States and foreign, numbering more than a hundred. The most important of his inventions was the flying shears, which made his name known to every steel man and made possible for the first time the continuous process of steel manufacture in rolling mills. Major Edwards was still in his 'twenties, when he conceived the idea upon which he based the design of the first flying shears. In 1892 the Morgan Construction Company built for the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation the first rolling mill successfully to operate with flying shears. A fuller account of this invention with its dramatic and interesting story is contained in the historical section of this work, but a brief description may be included here. Before his invention, as the red hot steel rods emerged from the rollers, it was necessary to stop the entire mass while the rods were cut. The Edwards shears were designed to travel along with the hot rods and cut them while in motion. This permitted the continuous rolling and made unnecessary the vast amount of manual labor and machine horse power previously required to start and stop each time the rod was cut.

While recognizing the technical importance of his invention to the steel industry, Major Edwards was more deeply interested in their humanitarian aspect. "The great satisfaction of my life," he said shortly before his death, "has been the humanitarian value of my inventions. They have eliminated the very severe manual labor formerly considered unavoidable in many steel plant processes."

In addition to his connection with the Morgan Construction Company, Major Edwards was a director of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company until his resignation shortly before his death. From 1920 to 1926 he was a life member of the board of trustees of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, relinquishing that office because of failing health. He always kept in close touch with this institution which he had attended in his youth, serving as a member of the executive committee of the Alumni Association for a number of years and as president of that association in 1918-1919. In 1927, in recognition of his distinguished career and his many services to the school, Worcester Polytechnic Institute conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering.

During the World War, Major Edwards received his commission as major in the United States Ordnance Corps, serving at Washington, District of Columbia, and at the Aberdeen, Maryland, proving grounds until after the signing of the Armistice. Subsequently he was a major in the Officers' Reserve Corps, United States Army. For more than twenty years he made his home at West Boylston. He was always active in town affairs, serving on the board of park commissioners and as a library trustee for many years and participating in civic and community projects. He was a member of the West Boylston Congregational Church, was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and was a member of various clubs and associations before his long illness led him to resign from many of them. These included the Worcester Club and the Worcester Country Club of Worcester, the Rotary Club, the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, the American Iron and Steel Institute and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

His hobby in his later years was sun dials. He constructed several of wonderful designs, one of which he presented to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where it is now in front of Boynton Hall.

In October, 1896, at Skowhegan, Maine, Victor Everett Edwards married Janet R. Gage, daughter of Hiram C. and Eva (Varney) Gage. They became the parents of two children: Kenneth Gage and Ruth.

Major Edwards died at his home in West Boylston on May 16, 1931, following a long illness. His death, at the age of sixty-eight, brought to its close a notable career, whose constructive influences are of lasting value to American industry.

SAMUEL R. SCOTT—Descended from a family of pioneers of Uxbridge, which have contributed to the progress and prosperity of the community, Samuel R. Scott is treasurer of Scott and Sons, Inc. This is a woolen manufacturing concern which, through its predecessors, had its origin in 1810, and is said to be the owner of the first mill of its kind to be built and operated in Uxbridge, and the second in the United States.

The original mill was erected by Daniel Day, ten years after the opening of the nineteenth century. At the time it was considered a bold venture in the field of woolen manufacture. The waterpower used was that of S. F. Scott and Sons in Elmdale, and the machinery consisted of a carding machine and a picker for the purpose of carding rolls for home manufacture, the machinery having been built by Artemus Dryden, of Holden. Weaving was done in that time, not in the mill, but on hand looms set up in homes or in shops built for this purpose.

The Scott family of today inherits its industrial energy and application from Samuel W. Scott, who was the first of the name in Uxbridge to operate a woolen mill. He carried on the business for some years, and then it and the property passed into the hands of Samuel F. Scott. He married Sarah A. Austrorup, and the elder Scott later formed the firm of S. F. Scott and Sons. Under this style the business was carried forward for some years, until finally circumstances seemed to make it wise to incorporate, and the title of Scott and Sons, Inc., was adopted. The officers of the corporation are: President, Sarah A. Scott; treasurer, Samuel R. Scott; and clerk Gordon A. Scott.

Samuel R. Scott, son of Samuel F. and Sarah A. (Austrorup) Scott, was born in Uxbridge, November 15, 1894, and was educated in the public schools and at the Bryant and Stratton Business College. After the United States entered the World War, he enlisted and was assigned by the Navy Department to work in the machine shops of the government at Newport, Rhode Island, his particular task being the making of repairs on patrol boats and other vessels of war. He was honorably mustered out in 1919.

He then entered the Scott mill in the humble rôle of an employee in order to acquaint himself with the processes of woolen manufacture. After a time he was made clerk and later was advanced to treasurer of the corporation. He is a director of the Uxbridge Coöperative Bank and a trustee of the Uxbridge Savings Bank. In town affairs he is active and gives generously of his time and counsel. He is a member of the board of water commissioners and a member and treasurer of the Uxbridge Republican Town Committee. Among his fraternal affiliations are Solomon's Temple Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Scott married, December 9, 1922, Carletta Vose, of Cumberland Hill, Rhode Island, and they have a son, Samuel R. Scott, Jr., born March 30, 1929.

FRANCIS NEWTON BOUTWELL—Founder of the Leominster "Enterprise" and for many years the owner of a printing establishment in this city, Francis N. Boutwell devoted his entire active life to a field of endeavor which he entered in his earliest years. He was a very skillful printer, highly competent in every phase of his work, and through diligent application built up a substantial trade. Both the Leominster "Enterprise" and the printing business which he founded are still continued, the latter under the firm name of Boutwell, Owens and Company, Inc.

Mr. Boutwell was born at Craftsbury, Orleans County, Vermont, on July 30, 1835, a son of Newton Boutwell and a descendant of Scottish and French Huguenot stock. His mother was a member of the Merrill family. His parents were farming people and were pioneers in Vermont, where the father cleared and improved the land, on which he built his home.

Francis N. Boutwell received his education in Vermont district schools and at the age of sixteen became an apprentice to the printing trade at Amherst, New Hampshire. He served under his preceptor for three years and at the end of that time became a journeyman, working in Montpelier, Vermont, Boston and Fitchburg, Massachusetts. He was also employed as a journeyman printer in Nashua and Milford, New Hampshire. In the year 1854, however, Mr. Boutwell purchased the Milford "Republican" and continued as editor and publisher of that paper until 1862. It was suspended finally because of the war and at that time Mr. Boutwell again became a journeyman, working until 1867, when he established a job printing shop at Milford. In May, 1869, he removed to Leominster, where his activities were to center thereafter until his death. Here he opened offices for printing work in a building which stood on a site now occupied by the Leominster Hotel. In 1871 he moved this office to the Woods Block and in June, 1872, began publication of the Leominster "Enterprise," which he conducted until 1885. At the end of that time he disposed of his interests and reëstablished his job printing business, to which he devoted himself until his death on February 18, 1905, in his seventieth year.

Fraternally, Mr. Boutwell was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, in the last of which he was particularly prominent. A devout Christian, who always strove to live his religion in his daily life, he worshipped in the Methodist faith and for thirty-five years was secretary of the Leominster Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Boutwell was also an active prohibitionist and ardently supported the Prohibition cause. He gave his allegiance to high principles of thought and conduct, commanding the respect of all who knew him. His useful life was of value to the communities in which he lived and his name is remembered with affectionate regard.

Mr. Boutwell married (first), in 1857, at Amherst, New Hampshire, Abbie Louise Melendy, who died in 1865. They were the parents of one daughter, Abbie Louise. In 1869, Mr. Boutwell married (second) Susan Elizabeth Willard of Ashburnham, who died on January 30, 1905.

Abbie Louise Boutwell, mentioned above, became associated in business with her father and after his death continued the business until 1920. At that time the firm of Boutwell and Owens, Inc., was formed, with Mr. Harvey M. Owens becoming a member of the firm. Its officers are: Miss Boutwell, president; H. M. Owens, treasurer; and Mrs. F. W. Owens, secretary. This company is engaged in all kinds job printing, embossing and steel die cutting, and in catalogue and book work. It has made a specialty of printing on celluloid. The plant of the company is situated at No. 16 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Leominster. It is modern in all respects and equipped with all necessary machinery. The company is engaged mostly in local work and its services are much in demand.

J. FRANCIS COVE—In entering upon the practice of law, J. Francis Cove brought to his chosen profession a thorough technical training and a degree of enterprise and native ability which insured an entirely successful career. He is a native of Uxbridge, and with the exception of several years has been a life-long resident of this city.

Mr. Cove was born on August 31, 1904, a son of James Frank and Bridget M. (Houlihan) Cove, both of whom were born in Ireland and came to America in their youth. The father settled in Hopkinton and the mother in Millville, Massachusetts. After their marriage they made their residence in Elmdale, where the father was employed for several years in the F. R. Scott and Sons Woolen Mill, after which he became connected with W. A. L. Bazeley of Uxbridge. He has been connected with the above for about thirty years.

J. Francis Cove received his preliminary education in the public schools of Uxbridge, being graduated from the high school in 1924. During the following year he attended the School of Commercial Science, completing the course in 1925. While he was attending high school, Mr. Cove worked on a farm during his vacations and as a student in the School of Commercial Science he obtained a regular place on the George S. Taft farm here,

rising at four every morning to milk a herd of ten cows and returning in the evening to perform the same duties. In spite of the long hours he was obliged to work, Mr. Cove has always considered this period the happiest and best of his entire boyhood.

Meanwhile Mr. Cove had decided upon a legal career. As heretofore he decided to earn his own way and accordingly obtained a position with Stone and Webster, Boston brokers, in their Woonsocket, Rhode Island, branch, where he worked as an accountant for six years while studying law at night. In 1927 he entered Northeastern Law School and in 1931 was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. On April 27, 1932, he was admitted to the Massachusetts bar, and immediately afterwards opened an office in Uxbridge. He is building up a very satisfactory practice and enjoys the full confidence of all those who have occasion to seek his professional services.

Mr. Cove is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and, apart from his legal connections, is a member of the Knights of Columbus. In religious faith he is a Catholic and in politics an independent voter. Mr. Cove resides with his parents on Ironstone Street, Uxbridge.

JOHN FRANCIS HARRIGAN—The Harrigan Press of Worcester is one of the most favorably known of the printing and publishing companies of New England. This firm has been in business for more than four decades; Mr. Harrigan established it in 1894 and is the present chairman of the board of directors and its directing head. The corporation is a monument to his own achievements, although he gives much of the credit to the men who have been associated with him. He is a native of Ireland, born in County Louth, February 4, 1870, a son of Edward and Rose (Byrne) Harrigan. His father died in 1876 and is buried in Ireland; his mother died in Worcester in 1912.

John F. Harrigan, as a lad of fourteen, was brought to this country by his mother in 1883, one of a family of six children. For two years they remained in New York, but in 1885 they removed to Worcester, which has been his home since that time. John Francis Harrigan attended the Ravensdale national schools of Ireland and the night schools of New York City. While in New York he served a two years' apprenticeship on the "New York Home Journal." In Worcester, upon his arrival there, he secured employment as a compositor on the "New England Home Journal." After a year of this Mr. Harrigan worked as a journeyman printer in various book and job printing offices. This phase of his life extended from July 4, 1885, to the summer of 1890. In the latter year he returned to Ireland for a four months' visit. Upon returning to New York City once more, Mr. Harrigan worked on the same paper in the city with which he had begun his American career, and later was, for a year, with the J. J. Little Company, publishers.

Worcester has the custom of holding on to those who once live within its borders, and John Francis Harrigan also returned to the city, was associated with the founding of the "Evening Post" of Worcester, and helped to get out its first issue. On February 4, 1894, he went into business for himself under the firm name of Harrigan and King. Four years later he purchased the interest of his partner and took in with him his brother, Benjamin E. Harrigan, the concern becoming known as Harrigan Brothers. In 1914 the company was incorporated as the Harrigan Press. The corporation now has one of the most modern and extensive printing plants in Worcester, occupying more than 7,000 square feet of floor space, and is fully equipped to do all kinds of printing, magazine and book work, and does a great deal of work on college and academy publications. In 1932 the officers of the Harrigan Press were: John F. Harrigan, chairman of the board of directors; Benjamin E. Harrigan, president; William J. Gurley, treasurer; and Annie J. Harrigan, clerk.

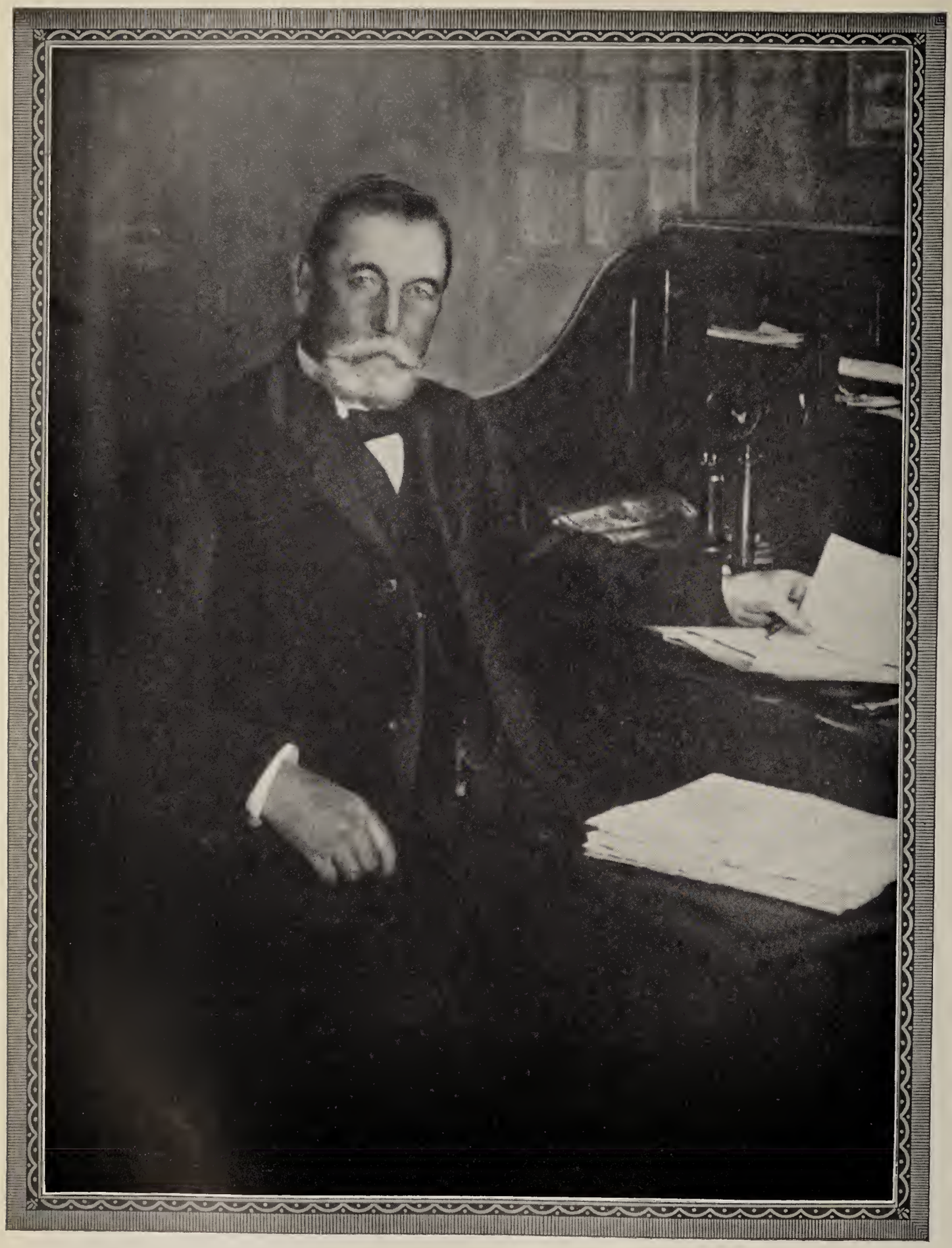
In addition to his connection with the Harrigan Press, Mr. Harrigan has interested himself in various other enterprises. He is a member of the American Irish Historical Society; the Alhambra Council, Knights of Columbus; Worcester Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Ancient Order of Hibernians; Fraternal Order of Eagles; the Washington Club; the Irish Charitable Society of Boston; a trustee of St. Vincent Hospital; and a communicant of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. He is a charter member of McCafferty Court, No. 100, Catholic Order of Foresters, organized in 1894. In 1897 he was elected chief ranger and in 1906 to the high standing committee, being promoted from year to year until he became high chief ranger of the State. Mr. Harrigan, although a thorough-going American, has never forgotten the land of his birth, nor failed to take a constructive interest in its future. Under the first Republic of Ireland he promoted Irish State bonds to the total of $1,350,000 in the State of Massachusetts. This money was used for the establishment and maintenance of the then Irish Republic. The present Free State Government took over the Irish Republic Government and has paid back said bonds to the citizens of the United States.

On October 12, 1894, John Francis Harrigan married Mary A. C. Roberts, daughter of John and Johanna (O'Connor) Roberts, of Worcester.

EDWIN M. ALDRICH—For forty years Edwin M. Aldrich has been associated with Taft Brothers, owners of well known mercantile enterprises in the Uxbridge and Whitinsville section of Massachusetts. During this time he has taken an increasingly active part in the management of the firm and as co-owner in the last twelve years has been in charge of the store at Whitinsville. Mr. Aldrich is an able business man and has won the respect of the people among whom he has lived for so long a period.

Born at Mendon, Massachusetts, on October 13, 1875, Mr. Aldrich is a son of Moses and Anna L. (Coe) Aldrich, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Rhode Island. The father was a farmer by occupation and came of an old New England family. Indeed the first piece of property purchased in Northbridge was bought by a direct ancestor of this branch of the family. Moses Aldrich died in Mendon in 1885.

Edwin M. Aldrich, the son, received his education in the public schools of Mendon. His earlier life was passed on a farm, but as he reached his later 'teens, he decided to seek a field of greater



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opportunity and in the year 1892 became a clerk in Taft Brothers store in Uxbridge. At that date they already had a second store in Whitinsville in addition to a large grain store in Uxbridge. They were dealers in groceries, meat and provisions, and Mr. Aldrich was provided with ample opportunity to learn all details of the business. He welcomed the chance, and his industry and enterprise won him the favor of his employees. For many years he was one of the most valued members of the organization, and at length, in 1919, purchased an interest in the business, which he now owns with Silas Taft as co-partner. Mr. Aldrich has taken personal and complete charge of the Whitinsville store, which has continued to prosper under his able guidance. It is today the largest grocery and meat market in this section of the county. In addition to this connection, he is a trustee of the Whitinsville Savings Bank and is properly accounted one of the leading business men of the community.

Mr. Aldrich has always given his best attention to business, but he has also found time for other activities and is prominent in the Masonic Order locally, being a member of the Blue Lodge; St. Elmo Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at Whitinsville; and other bodies. While neither seeking nor desiring public office, he has taken a consistent interest in civic affairs and given his support to all worthy community enterprises.

On June 11, 1897, Edwin M. Aldrich married Cora A. Spaulding of Uxbridge. They are the parents of two children: 1. Chester W., born June 7, 1899, a graduate of Worcester Institute of Technology. 2. Clarence E., born February 14, 1904. Both are married.

GEORGE A. GABRIEL—In various spheres of activity, George A. Gabriel well known in Worcester for a decade because of his official connection with the Equitable Life Assurance Society, has played outstanding rôles, but to him only the last or the latest rôle is of any importance, an attitude toward life characteristic of successful men. He is a native of Worcester, born March 30, 1876, son of George W. and Frances A. (Conville) Gabriel. The senior Mr. Gabriel, who was born at Charlestown, Massachusetts, and died in 1916, was associated for many years with George F. Blake and Sons of Worcester. Mrs. Gabriel, who came originally from Boston, died in the same year as her husband.

George A. Gabriel received his preliminary schooling in the local public institutions and was graduated from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the class of 1899 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. This was in preparation for a career as a chemical engineer, a profession he followed for a number of years. He took post-graduate studies in various colleges and for a time was engaged in teaching his profession. He rose to serve as professor of chemical engineering of a Middle-West college, but eventually resigned and returned to the city of his birth to accept a position as resident manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of Worcester. From 1922 to 1931 he was thus engaged and achieved an enviable reputation both as an executive and citizen. In 1931 he resigned his position as resident manager, but remained with the company as their special agent.

During the period, when the United States was engaged in the World War, Mr. Gabriel was active as a consulting chemist. Two of his college fraternities are Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Lambda Upsilon. He is a member of the Economic Club of Worcester and of several other local organizations and also a director in a number of large corporations.

In 1906 Mr. Gabriel married Glena M. Swan, a native of Maine, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Frances A., graduate of Howard Seminary and the wife of R. F. Davison; they have one child, Glen-An. 2. George W., graduate of Worcester High School and Northeastern University. 3. Grace E., graduate of the Bradford School for Girls.

T. FRANK HICKEY, of Shrewsbury, president and treasurer of the Hickey Leather Company, formerly chairman of the board of selectmen and in 1933 chairman of the finance committee of the municipality, is one of the well-known men of Shrewsbury.

He was born in Shrewsbury, September 23, 1878, son of Thomas A. and Annie B. (Whippie) Hickey. His father, a native of Ireland, came early in his youth to America and located in Shrewsbury in 1865. He married Annie B. Whippie. She was a native of Nova Scotia. Thomas A. Hickey, for a time, was employed by Nelson and Rice, tanners and manufacturers of leather, with whom he remained until the death of Mr. Nelson. The company then underwent a reorganization, the firm name was changed to Thomas Rice and Company, and of this concern Thomas A. Hickey became a member. C. O. Green also became a partner and the firm then was known as the C. O. Green Company. This continued until the death of Thomas Rice, when the title was again changed and it became the Green and Hickey Leather Company. Of this organization, T. Frank Hickey, of this review, became an active partner. Thomas Hickey died in 1911, at sixty-six years of age.

T. Frank Hickey received his early education in the local schools of Shrewsbury and was graduated from high school. During vacation months he was employed in his father's factory, where he obtained a thorough knowledge of the processes of leather manufacture. His compensation during this period of apprenticeship was five dollars a week. He continued in the business as the years went on, acquiring a complete knowledge of the different departments and branches and winning various promotions. This continued until his father's death. The style of the company was then changed, the name becoming the Hickey Leather Company and T. Frank Hickey being made president and treasurer of the organization, which offices he still holds. His association with the leather industry has covered the entire period of his active career, and the company is one of the oldest and best known in the United States. Among the Hickey products are straps, cases, and bag leather, as well as a number of specialties. Among its many customers may be mentioned the Hickok Manufacturing Company, of Rochester, New York, which it supplies with practically all of the leather that company uses.

Mr. Hickey takes an active part in the general civic and social life of Shrewsbury. Among the

public offices that he has held has been that of chairman of the board of selectmen. While in that position, he administered the affairs of the board so successfully and with such unselfish attention to the public welfare that he was favorably regarded by the whole community. He held that office several years. Then, when the town finance committee was organized, he became chairman of the group, and this office he yet holds (1933). In this position he has contributed liberally of his time and knowledge of business to the advantage of his community. Socially he is affiliated with all branches of the Free and Accepted Masons; Quinsigamond Blue Lodge, of Worcester; the Royal Arch Chapter; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; Goddard Council, Royal and Select Masters; and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite including the Consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree; also Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Boston. He has always taken an active part in Masonic affairs as well as in the different clubs and other groups with which he is affiliated.

T. Frank Hickey married, on September 8, 1915, at Shrewsbury, Mildred W. Ward, of this place. They became the parents of one daughter, Nancy Elizabeth Hickey, born in Shrewsbury, April 23, 1917, now attending high school, class of 1934.

BRADFORD A. GIBSON—Formerly as president and more recently as treasurer of the Central Building Corporation of Worcester, Bradford A. Gibson has played an important part in exerting an influence for improved architectural and construction features throughout New England and elsewhere that the company executes commissions for its clients.

Born in Worcester, September 8, 1870, Mr. Gibson is the son of George S. and Mary (Comey) Gibson. His father, born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, fought for three years in the Civil War, with the Massachusetts heavy artillery. He was wounded at the battle of Petersburg. After his return to civilian life he was in the building business and later he engaged in the monument business until his death, which occurred in 1926. He was interested in politics and held various town offices in Clinton, Massachusetts. He was also very prominent in the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife, a native of Holliston, Massachusetts, died in 1930.

After preliminary training in the public schools, Bradford A. Gibson entered the Worcester Polytechnic Institute and was graduated in the class of 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He began his career in the practice of civil engineering, which he pursued until he became associated with the Norcross Brothers Company, one of the leading construction concerns of New England. He severed that connection in 1912, having been elected president of the Central Building Corporation, with which he has since been associated as its chief executive officer until January, 1933, and since then as its treasurer.

The Central Building Corporation, one of the older and best known building concerns in Massachusetts, was organized in 1903 by E. F. Miner, president; William Shumway, and F. B. Durfee. Its first location was No. 58 Front Street, Worcester, and later it moved to its present site, No. 196 West Boylston Street, Worcester. From the year of its organization until 1912, it had built throughout New England, New York and New Jersey, a goodly number of the substantial buildings, as banks, churches, and the New Hampshire State Capitol. Since 1912 there stand to its credit for high-grade construction the Worcester North Savings Institution at Fitchburg, the Cushing Memorial at Newport, Rhode Island; and one of the wings of the American Antiquarian Society's building at Worcester. Since the coming into the company of Mr. Gibson and his assumption of the office of president, it has made a specialty of the very highest type of residences, examples of which are those of the late United States Senator Dwight W. Morrow residence at Engelwood, New Jersey; of S. F. Laucks at Wrightsville, Pennsylvania; of Z. G. Simmons at Greenwich, Connecticut; of James L. Goodwin at Hartford, Connecticut; of Vincent Astor at Port Washington, Long Island; and a number of distinctive cemetery memorials.

Mr. Gibson is president of the Leicester Savings Bank, a trustee of the Leicester Library, and a member of other boards and committees of Leicester. He is affiliated with Spencer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and all of the York Rite bodies. He also belongs to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and to various clubs in Leicester and Worcester. In the Federated Church he is a member of the prudential committee.

Mr. Gibson married (first), in 1895, Edith Herrick, of Fairfax, Vermont. She died, and he married (second) in 1923, Edith Perry, who is a native of Massachusetts. There are two children by the first marriage: 1. Lucile, a graduate of Leicester Academy, married L. W. Gifford. 2. Herrick L. Gibson, a graduate of Leicester Academy, now residing at Grand Rapids, Michigan; is married and has a son, John B. Gibson.

J. JOSEPH MacCARTHY—During the past twenty years, J. Joseph MacCarthy has been engaged in the practice of law at Worcester. He is thoroughly trained in his profession and his efforts have brought him a position of recognized prominence at the local bar and in the city's life.

Mr. MacCarthy was born at North Brookfield, on April 1, 1888, a son of John G. and Anna E. (Doyle) MacCarthy, both natives of Massachusetts and both members of families seated originally in Ireland. The father was engaged in the shoe and leather business for many years. During the World War he served as a government inspector.

J. Joseph MacCarthy was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and in 1906 was graduated from North Brookfield High School. In the fall of the same year he entered Yale College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1910 on the completion of the required course. In 1913 he took the further degree of Bachelor of Laws at Yale Law School and in the same year was admitted to the bar. For a short time he practiced in New York City. He was associated for two and a half years with the firm of Taft and Stobbs, removing to Southbridge, Massachusetts, at the end of that time as counsel for the American Optical Company. With the entry of the United States into the World War in 1917, Mr. MacCarthy enlisted for service, attending the first officers' training school at Camp Devens. Then he was stationed at Camp Gordon, in Georgia, and sub-

sequently was transferred to Columbia, Missouri. He was commissioned a first lieutenant, and in January, 1919, received his discharge.

After leaving the army in 1919, Mr. MacCarthy came to Worcester, resuming the active practice of his profession. He quickly won recognition at the local bar and with the passing years has built up a large and important practice to which he now devotes the greater part of his attention. Mr. MacCarthy has found time for many other interests, however, and has been glad to serve in civic life in any capacity for which he considers himself fitted. He is president of the Southern Worcester County Health Association; vice-president of Worcester Council, Boy Scouts of America; and is vice-president of the Worcester County Bar Association and a member of its executive committee. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Foresters of America, and is a member of the University Club, the Economic Club and the Wachusett Country Club, being a member of the board of governors of the latter organization.

On July 27, 1918, J. Joseph MacCarthy married Sylvia A. Howard of North Brookfield. They are the parents of three children: 1. Philip J., born September 21, 1919. 2. Alice S., born April 10, 1924. 3. Ann K., born February 3, 1929. The residence of the family is situated at No. 70 Kenwood Avenue, Worcester.

JAMES MacFADYEN—Descendant of a line of builders and contractors, James MacFadyen, of Worcester, president of the Central Building Company of this city, has enlarged the reputation of the family name for mechanical skill and business integrity. The concern of which he is a moving spirit is one of the most important in the New England area. It was organized in 1903 by E. F. Miner (president), William Shumway and F. B. Durfee. Its first place of business was at No. 58 Front Street, Worcester. From 1903 to 1912 the company built throughout New England a large number of substantial buildings, as banks, churches, the New Hampshire State Capitol, and others. In 1912, on the death of Mr. Miner, the office of president was filled by Bradford A. Gibson (q. v.), and in 1923 Mr. MacFadyen was received as a partner and elected vice-president, becoming president in January, 1933. Within the past few years, the company has made additional large strides in its business, specializing in building residences of the best type. Among these are the residences of the late United States Senator Dwight W. Morrow at Englewood, New Jersey; S. F. Laucks at Wrightsville, Pennsylvania; Z. G. Simmons at Greenwich, Connecticut; and many more of similar grade in architecture and workmanship.

The family of MacFadyen is of Scottish origin and for generations it has been, through its representatives, identified with the building trades. William MacFadyen, father of the Worcester builder-executive, followed in the footsteps of his ancestors and engaged in the building and contracting business for many years. He was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and in his early manhood aided in completing portions of Edinburgh Castle. After coming to this country he made his home in Grafton, Massachusetts, where he died in 1889. His wife, Isabella Scott, was a native of Scotland; she died in 1913.

James MacFadyen, son of William and Isabella (Scott) MacFadyen, was born in Grafton, February 26, 1886, attended the public schools, high school and Wentworth Institute. Soon after completing his preparatory education he formed an association with the J. W. Bishop Company, of Worcester, one of the outstanding building operators in this State. With this concern he was connected as auditor and superintendent for eighteen years. He resigned these positions in 1923 to join the Central Building Company in the capacity of vice-president, which position he held until 1933, when he was made president. His natural ability and broad experience in the building trades have made him a dominant figure in the affairs of the company, as well as in the operations in the company's field.

Besides his office of president of the Central Building Company, Mr. MacFadyen is vice-president of the Gibson Memorial Works, Inc., Eastern representative of the National Contractors Association, and a past president of the Worcester Building Association. He is a member of Isaiah Thomas Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Central Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Fraternal Order of Orientals; Four-Year Club; and several other local clubs. His religious preference is Protestant Episcopal.

Mr. MacFadyen married, in 1905, Helen M. Foley, a native of this State, and their children are: 1. Donald J., born May 25, 1906. 2. Evelyn M., born January 18, 1908. 3. Kenneth W., born March 18, 1914. The family home is at No. 7 Berkshire Street, and Mr. MacFadyen has his office with the Central Building Company, No. 196 West Boylston Street, Worcester.

FRANCIS E. CASSIDY—Various positions of importance in the Federal and State service have been filled by Francis E. Cassidy, well known Webster lawyer. He is actively interested in all public and civic affairs in Webster, being also a leader in his party in local and State politics.

Born in Mapleville, Rhode Island, Mr. Cassidy is a son of William H. and Alice (Lodge) Cassidy. He was graduated from the Webster High School in 1906 and entered the University of Rochester, New York, where he received his degree of Bachlor of Science at graduation in the class of 1910. His professional training was taken at Harvard Law School, where he was a student in 1911, and at Boston University Law School, where he was graduated Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1913. At college he was made a member of Theta Delta Chi and at the law school a member of Phi Delta Phi.

In 1915, after admission to the bar, he became an associate of the Boston law firm of Hoar and Dewey. He was appointed a deputy collector in the United States Internal Revenue Service in 1917. The following year he was made an agent of the same department and assigned to estate tax work, filling the position until 1922. He specializes in probate and taxation matters and is regarded as an expert on this line. Subsequently he was appointed clerk of the First District Court

of Southern Worcester County. On the ticket of the Democratic party he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1922 and served two terms, ending in 1926. He did excellent work on the judiciary committee and the committee on rules. He has since practiced law in his own name, having his office in the Bank Building, Webster. He is a director of the Webster Coöperative Bank and the Webster National Bank, and counsel for the Webster Coöperative Bank and the Webster Five Cents Savings Bank. His professional affiliations are with the American Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, Worcester County Bar Association and Webster Bar Association. Included in his fraternal alligances are the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the Webster Reading Room Association, the Webster Golf Club and the Roman Catholic Church. His hobbies are baseball and golf.

Mr. Cassidy married, June 23, 1915, Mae Rigney, of Webster, and their children are: Rita Mary, William H., and Patricia Alice. The Cassidy family home is at No. 44 Elm Street, Webster.

THEODORE TOURIGNY, JR.—Since 1919 Theodore Tourigny, Jr., has been active in the United Comb and Novelty Company at Leominster, an enterprise which he helped to found and to the progress of which he has contributed substantially. He is treasurer of the corporation, being associated with other members of his family in the direction of its affairs.

Mr. Tourigny is a member of a French-Canadian family, which was established in the United States in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Both parents were natives of Canada, as were also the grandparents, Romuald and Philomen Tourigny. The grandfather was a stone mason by trade. The father, Theodore Tourigny, Sr., was engaged in different pursuits during the course of his active career, finally joining the United Comb and Novelty Company at Leominster, of which he was president until his recent retirement. Over a period of years he has been active in affairs of this city and is a member here of St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: 1. Helen, wife of Otis Donat. 2. Ida, wife of Joseph Thibeaudeau. 3. Theodore, Jr., of this record. 4. Eugene L., who married Agnes Martin and has one child, Vivian. 5. William. 6. Pauline, wife of Harry Bottis; they have one daughter, Doris. 7. Gladys, wife of Joseph Boutin. 8. Edward. 9. Ernest. 10. Evelyn, wife of Oliver Beland. 11. Alice.

The United Comb and Novelty Company, Inc., with which this family name has always been connected, was established in 1919 by Theodore Tourigny, Jr., his brother, Eugene L. Tourigny, and Arthur Tourigny. It was formed for the manufacture of combs, brushes and novelties. Two years later Arthur Tourigny retired, selling his interest to Theodore Tourigny, Sr. In 1930 the company was incorporated with a capital of $75,000 and at that time the following officers were elected: Theodore Tourigny, Sr., president; Theodore Tourigny, Jr., treasurer; and Eugene L. Tourigny, secretary. They employ some sixty people in the plant and factory, specializing in the manufacture of toilet sets. Their product is in wide demand and is distributed throughout the country, mostly in chain stores. Through the capable direction of its officials the concern has been notably successful and is today one of the leading manufacturing enterprises of Leominster. Its plant is located in a three-story factory building at No. 161 Sixth Street. Theodore Tourigny, Sr., retired in August, 1932, and the management of the business is now in the hands of his sons, Theodore, Jr., and Eugene L. William, Edward and Ernest, the other brothers, are also connected wtih the company, William being superintendent of the factory, Edward the foreman and Ernest head of the shipping division.

Apart from their business connections all the men of the family have been active in civic affairs at Leominster, meeting all the obligations of good citizenship with zeal and fidelity. Theodore Tourigny, Jr., has also been very prominent in Lafayette Lodge of the Order of Foresters and in addition is a member of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce and St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church. He married Marie E. Lavoie, and they are the parents of the following children: Loretta, Raymond, Clovis and Irene.

GEORGE THOMAS LITTLE, M. D.—A large medical practice with its exacting demands has not prevented Dr. George T. Little from rendering to his town of Uxbridge a high quality of service in a number of public offices. In addition to holding membership and the chairmanship of the board of selectmen, he is or has been a member of several important municipal committees. Regarded as one of the leaders in his profession in the county, he is also looked upon as a substantial and progressive citizen.

Born in Groton, Massachusetts, November 24, 1877, Dr. George Thomas Little is a son of John and Edna (Woodward) Little, both parents natives of the Bay State, the father a miller. Having passed through the public schools of his home town, he prepared for college at Lawrence Academy in Groton, graduating in 1897. He next entered Harvard University Medical School, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine at graduation in the class of 1902. He began practice in Uxbridge, where he has long since been a physician of high repute.

For a quarter of a century Dr. Little has been a member of the Uxbridge Board of Health and he has been associate medical examiner for the Seventh Worcester District for fifteen years. Some years ago he was a member of the board of selectmen for two terms. In 1930 he again was elected to the board and his fellow-members made him secretary. In the same year he was chosen a member of the school committee. For ten years he has been a member of the finance board of Uxbridge and he served as a member of the building committee for the new high school. His professional organizations are the American Medical Association and the Massachusetts Medical Society. He has fraternal affiliation with the Masonic Order, inclusive of the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Bristol (Rhode Island) Yacht Club.

Dr. Little married, November 24, 1906, Edith Bertha Smith, and they have two children: Courtney W. and Marion.

Frank Lucius Powers

FRANK LINCOLN POWERS—Since 1902 Frank Lincoln Powers has been engaged in the coal and coke business at Worcester, continuing the enterprise originally established and conducted by his father for many years. He is now executive head of the Worcester Powers Coke Company and is well known here in business and civic life.

Mr. Powers was born at Millbury, June 12, 1883, a son of Frank E. and Laura Belle (Lincoln) Powers, both natives of Massachusetts. His father, a coal merchant and dealer in building materials, first entered business in Millbury in 1874 and in Worcester in 1888, continuing until November, 1908.

Frank Lincoln Powers was educated in Worcester schools and in 1902 was graduated from the old English High School here. Soon afterwards he began his active career, joining his father's business. In 1908 this enterprise was incorporated as the F. E. Powers Company, and at that time Frank Lincoln Powers became its president. Hiram Stevens Powers, a brother, served as treasurer. The original coal business is still carried on under this name. In 1929, however, the F. E. Powers Company organized the Worcester Powers Coke Company solely to handle coke, and on May 2, 1932, Frank Lincoln Powers sold his interest in the F. E. Powers Company, purchasing the Worcester Powers Coke Company outright. This concern has grown rapidly under Mr. Powers' vigorous direction. They have a large coke yard, with a number of trucks, and enjoy an extensive trade throughout this section, handling domestic coke exclusively.

In addition to his position as a leading business man of the city, Mr. Powers has many other local connections and interests. For seven terms he served as selectman for the town of Leicester and he has been prominent in Republican politics for a considerable period. For two terms he was a member of the Republican State Committee. Mr. Powers is also a member of the Worcester Country Club, the Commonwealth Club, the Boston City Club, the Turkey Hill Polo Club, and the Shelter Harbor Country Club. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and is very active in this order, being a member of all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He takes a deep interest in outdoor sports and finds his favorite recreations in golf and horseback riding.

RAYMOND L. MIDDLEMAS—During the greater part of his active career, Raymond L. Middlemas has devoted himself to banking pursuits, rising through various positions with several institutions to his present office as treasurer of the Leominster Savings Bank of Leominster.

Mr. Middlemas is a native of Worcester County, born at Millbury, in June, 1889, a son of George Edgar and Alice A. (Williams) Middlemas. His father, who died in July, 1927, at the age of seventy-two, was born in Middletown, Nova Scotia, of Scottish ancestry and parentage. He was for years associated with the Hoe Manufacturing Company of New York City, working in the installation department. In this family were two children: 1. George Thomas, of Los Angeles, California. 2. Raymond L., of this record.

Raymond L. Middlemas was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn, New York, and at Post Business College. For a brief period in early life he was employed with a manufacturing concern, but at the age of twenty he entered the Mechanics National Bank of Worcester as a clerk. This was the beginning of his active banking experience. In 1912 he transferred to the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank, where he remained until 1921. During that period he won advancement through the merit of his services and began to win recognition in banking circles of the county. In 1921 he was offered and accepted the position of treasurer of the Leominster Savings Bank, with which he is still connected. This institution was established in 1865 by John H. Lockey, Leonard Burrage and James H. Carter, who were the charter members of the corporation. Mr. Lockey at the time was serving in the State Legislature and was instrumental in securing passage of the act of incorporation. Early officers were Dwight B. Look, president; Charles L. Joslin, vice-president; A. L. Burdett, clerk and treasurer. The following were trustees: C. C. Boyden, Hamilton Mayo, George Woods, F. A. Whitney, George F. Colburn, George Hall, J. G. Tenney, Clisson Kenney and D. C. Nickerson.

This institution is a mutual savings bank, established primarily "to receive and safely invest the savings of the people, especially of those who work for wages or on salaries." Out of the profits a surplus is accumulated to protect the depositors against all possible contingencies and the remainder of the profits is then distributed to the depositors in the form of dividends or interest. Total resources of the bank amount to more than $9,000,000 and deposits are over $8,000,000. Present officers are: Arthur H. Hall, president; D. Curtis Nickerson and Murray C. Damon, vice-presidents; Raymond L. Middlemas, treasurer; Frank S. Farnsworth, assistant treasurer. The sound policies of the founders have always been continued and under the management of capable officers the Leominster Savings Bank has made steady and substantial progress.

During the twelve years in which he has been connected with the bank, Mr. Middlemas has taken an active part in the direction of its affairs and has contributed fully to its success. In addition to his office as treasurer, he is a trustee of the bank and is a member of its board of investments. He is also a director of the Mutual Coöperative Bank of Leominster, of which he was treasurer for a period of four years. While he has given his best attention to his business interests during his residents here, Mr. Middlemas has been very active in other phases of community life. He has lent his support to all worthy movements in the public interest and has played a prominent part in the work of many of its institutions. Mr. Middlemas is treasurer of Leominster Hospital, treasurer of the Salvation Army of Leominster and treasurer and president of the Community Chest. He has been active in and is president of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce, is a member and past president of the Rotary Club and is treasurer of Wachusett Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of the Leominster Club, a member and director of the Monoosack Country Club, and is affiliated fraternally with Worcester Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, the local Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles,

the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is also a member of many higher bodies including the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. During the period of the World War, Mr. Middlemas loyally supported his country's cause, working in the various drives and movements at home. He has always been extremely fond of clean outdoor sports, making them his hobby. For this reason he has considered it an honor to serve as chairman of the Doyle Field Commission, in which position he has had charge of the planning and completion of the Doyle Athletic Field. This splendid gift to the city was made possible through the generosity of the donor, but Mr. Middlemas has been largely instrumental in bringing to realization the ideal athletic field which Mr. Doyle had in mind. Mr. Middlemas is a member of the Congregational Church.

On June 2, 1914, he married Susan Bowater, of Worcester, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Bowater. They became the parents of two children: Elizabeth and Raymond, Jr. Mrs. Middlemas died May 29, 1933.

HERBERT C. BRIDGES—The group of leaders of financial institutions in Worcester County and eastern Massachusetts includes Herbert C. Bridges, cashier of the Blackstone National Bank of Uxbridge, treasurer of the Uxbridge Coöperative Bank, and a trustee of the Uxbridge Savings Bank.

Born in Oakland, Maine, June 27, 1891, Mr. Bridges is the son of Chester and Alice (Horne) Bridges, both parents natives of the Pine Tree State and his father a farmer. Having passed through the grade and grammar schools of his native town, he entered the Oakland High School and was graduated there in the class of 1908. The three following years he spent as an attaché of the treasurer's office in the National Soldiers' Home at Augusta, Maine. His next position was that of a clerk for the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company at Bangor, Maine, which he filled for three years. There followed three years at the Ticonic National Bank in Waterville, Maine. Here was where he obtained his first practical experience of banking affairs. In 1918 he accepted the post of teller of the Blackstone National Bank at Uxbridge and two years later he was promoted to cashier. This office he still holds, together with those of trustee and treasurer of the coöperative and savings banks in the same town.

Among his fraternal affiliations are Searsport (Maine) Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Uxbridge Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand. He is a member of the Rotary Club.

Mr. Bridges married, November 25, 1914, Elizabeth E. Park, of Searsport, Maine, and they have children: 1. Alice W. and 2. Marguerite (twins), born July 22, 1916. 3. Herbert C., born March 19, 1921. The family home is at No. 1 Marywood Street, Uxbridge.

Something of the origin and history of the Blackstone National Bank, of Uxbridge, is pertinent to this review of Mr. Bridges, its cashier. Leaders of the manufacturing industries in Uxbridge had held a series of meetings with a view to the establishment of a State bank in Uxbridge to provide them with financial conveniences. On June 18, 1825, the Massachusetts Legislature passed a bill granting a charter of incorporation for the proposed bank. The first meeting of the stockholders of the new institution took place on August 27 of the same year at the home of Moses Chapin, where and when the organization was set up. John Capron was elected president, and Effingham L. Capron secretary. This was the modest beginning of the Blackstone Bank.

The bank's original quarters still stand—it is the present home of a Mr. Schofield—on the Worcester Road, about one mile northwest of what is now the center of the town of Uxbridge. In 1827 the bank's quarters were removed to the new commercial center and located in the Capron Building, which then was situated where the Taft Building now stands. The lease by the owners of the property to the bank stipulated that the rental should be "for the use and occupation of the premises one pepper-corn a year for each and every year they should occupy and improve the same."

The stockholders and directors voted in 1865 to adopt the National Bank system, and on August 29, of that year, the Blackstone National Bank of Uxbridge came into existence as the successor of the Blackstone Bank, which ceased its operations on the same date. Moses Taft was elected by the directors to the office of president, which he held until his death in 1893. In the latter year William E. Hayward, who had been a director since 1873, was elected president to succeed Mr. Taft. The old Capron Building was destroyed by fire in 1896, and the bank's quarters were moved approximately one block south on Main Street to the building which today retains the name "Bank Building," and there the bank carried on operations until the erection and occupancy of the new and present quarters opposite the Common. The bank has grown steadily since its opening in 1825. Especially gratifying has been its substantial increase during the last eighteen years, which has enabled it to take ample care of the financial requirements of the community which it serves.

The Uxbridge Coöperative Bank, of which Mr. Bridges is treasurer, was established in March, 1929, and has seen a rapid growth since organization. Its present capital stock of $150,000, represents all dues paid in, and the bank does not hold as collateral a piece of property that is considered poor. The officers, besides Mr. Bridges, are: President, Harold J. Walter; vice-president, Walter M. Buffum; vice-president, Joseph E. Tancrell; clerk, William P. Barron. Frank Pastera is the bank's attorney.

RALPH R. HARRIS—Since his admission to the bar in 1916, Ralph R. Harris has been engaged in the prcatice of law at Leominster. He has made substantial progress in his profession and is a well-known figure in the courts of this city and county.

Mr. Harris was born at Lunenburg, Worcester County, on November 1, 1890, a son of Charles W. and Harriet (McKenney) Harris and a member of old New England families. This branch of the Harris family was established at Shirley, Massachusetts, several generations ago. Charles W. Harris, the father, was born in Leominster on Novebmer 17, 1870, and was educated in local schools. He has spent his entire life in this sec-

tion, devoting himself to agricultural pursuits, and is a man of recognized public spirit. His wife, Harriet (McKenney) Harris, now deceased, was a daughter of Oliver H. and Avilla McKenney and came of Revolutionary stock. Twelve children have been born of this marriage: 1. Ralph R., of this record. 2. Sidney L., manager of the Harris Ice Company of Leominster. 3. Mildred, widow of Harold E. Wallace. 4. Edna G., wife of Irvin H. Huff. 5. Alton H., who is connected with the Harris Ice Company. 6. Effie A., wife of Charles D. Cole. 7. Frances V., wife of Leslie G. Carlton. 8. Charles W., Jr., economic advisor to farmers for the government at Woodsville, New Hampshire, and instructor at Massachusetts State College. 9. Everett F., who assists in the operation of the home farm. 10. Lorraine, teacher in the public schools. 11. Marion T., a student at Massachusetts State College. 12. Marjorie, now in high school.

Ralph R. Harris was educated in the schools of Leominster and at Northeastern Law School, from which he was graduated in 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice which he has since continued. His offices are situated at No. 12 Main Street. Mr. Harris has met the responsibilities of a steadily growing practice very successfully and apart from his professional connections has been active in other phases of the city's life. For four years he was a member of the school committee here and for a time was chairman of the Republican City Committee. Mr. Harris is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. During the World War, in February, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the ordnance department, intelligence section. He was stationed until the close of the war at Augusta, Georgia, and won high rating in the performance of his work. He was honorably discharged in April, 1919.

In his war-time service, Mr. Harris was continuing the family tradition, since his grandfather on his mother's side had been a soldier in the Civil War, while his maternal great-grandmother was a Daughter of the American Revolution. He is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans, as well as the American Legion, and in addition is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men, with Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Grange. He is also a member of the Lions Club. Mr. Harris is well known throughout the city and has a wide circle of personal friends.

BENJAMIN THOMAS BURLEY, M. D.—For two decades Dr. Benjamin T. Burley has been engaged in professional practice in the city of Worcester, and during that time he has, in addition to taking care of a large practice, established neurological departments in two of the city's largest hospitals.

Dr. Benjamin Thomas Burley was born in North Epping, New Hampshire, November 26, 1874, son of Joseph Cilley and Sarah Elizabeth (Haley) Burley. His father was of old Colonial stock, tracing descent from Giles Burley (who spelled his name Burleigh), a native of England, who, as early as 1648, settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts, where he was a successful farmer during the remainder of his life. After the death of Giles Burleigh, his widow, Elizabeth, married (second) Abraham Fitts, of Ipswich. From Giles and Elizabeth Burleigh has descended a numerous progeny, which includes Governor Burleigh of Maine and practically all of the Colonial families bearing the surname of Burleigh or Burley. On the maternal side Dr. Burley is a descendant of General Joseph Cilley, who served in the American Revolution.

After attending the public schools of North Epping, Dr. Burley prepared for college in Phillips Exeter Academy, at Exeter, New Hampshire, where he completed his course with graduation in 1893. The following fall he matriculated in Harvard University and four years later, in 1897, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was now ready for his professional training, which he received in Harvard Medical School, graduating *cum laude* in 1901. In addition to his hospital experience in Boston and Worcester he studied abroad, making original investigations of diseases of the nervous system in Vienna and in London. Upon his return to this country he began practice in Worcester, specializing in diseases of the nervous system. In 1906 he established neurological departments at the Worcester City Hospital and the Memorial Hospital, and from 1904 to the present time he has been engaged in practice in this specialized field. He has also served continuously as visiting neurologist to the Memorial Hospital and to the Worcester City Hospital, and is consulting neurologist to the Holden Hospital, also the Harrington Hospital in Southbridge. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War in 1917 Dr. Burley was appointed by the President to the medical advisory board of Worcester to aid in selecting men from among those drafted for service in the War Department. He was elected secretary of that board and continued his service in that capacity until he received his appointment as captain in the Army Medical Corps. The signing of the Armistice in the following month prevented his entering active service, and he later received his honorable discharge. In addition to the numerous professional duties already mentioned, Dr. Burley has also served for two years as president of the Worcester City Hospital staff and is now president of the Memorial Hospital staff. He has found time to write numerous valuable articles on professional subjects, including: "Paraffine Injections for Bilaterial Facial Atrophy," "Subacute Polymyositis," "Intra-Cranial Tumors," "Acute Ascending Hemorrghagic Myelitis," and "Spinal Cord Decompression." In 1932 Dr. Burley published a monograph on "Polyneuritis from Tri-cresyl-phosphate," which was read before the American Medical Association, the subject dealing with many cases poisoned by adulterated Jamaica Ginger.

Dr. Burley is a member of the Worcester District Medical Society, Massachusetts Medical Society, American Medical Association, New England Psychiatrical Society, Boston Society of Psychiatry and Neurology, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases. During his college years Dr. Burley was active in athletics, was captain of the Harvard lacrosse team in 1897, and he is still fond of out-door sports. He is a member of several clubs, including the Tatnuck Country Club, Worcester Club, Harvard Club of Boston, and the Anglers Club, of Miami, Florida. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party.

Dr. Benjamin Thomas Burley married August 20, 1921, Angelyn Jeffards. Dr. and Mrs. Burley make their home at No. 19 High Street, in Worcester.

JOHN WHITIN LASELL—Advertising manager and a director of the Whitin Machine Works at Whitinsville, John Whitin Lasell has been associated with this important industrial enterprise during the past dozen years. He has also been very active in the political life of the section.

Mr. Lasell was born here on November 30, 1897, a son of Josiah M. and Mary (Krum) Lasell. He was educated in local public schools, Fessenden Preparatory School, Hotchkiss School at Lakeville, Connecticut, and Williams College, from which he was graduated in 1920 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Meanwhile, in 1917, he entered the air service of the United States Army, following the declaration of war by the United States on the Central powers. He was trained for that service in this country, was commissioned a second lieutenant, and subsequently was ordered to France with the American Expeditionary Forces, remaining for two months on active duty. Mr. Lasell was only nineteen when he entered the service. He received his discharge after the close of the war in February, 1919.

Returning to his college work, Mr. Lasell continued until his graduation. In 1921 he entered the Whitin Machine Works plant and, with the intention of learning all details of the business, worked through the various departments. Some years later he was made advertising manager and was elected a director of the company. In addition he is vice-president and a director of the Worcester Airport, Inc. Mr. Lasell has continued his interest in flying and has done much to promote its development in this section.

From the beginning of his career, he has taken an active part in politics, gaining considerable influence in local councils of his party. In 1925 he was elected selectman and has been twice reelected to this office, which he has filled with distinction. In addition he was chosen Representative of the 7th Worcester District by his party by a majority of more than nine hundred votes. Mr. Lasell is also a commissioner of the Mount Wachusett State Reservation. He is a member of the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Whitinsville Golf Club, and the Boston Tennis and Racquet Club; is affiliated with Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity at Williams; and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias. In the former order he is a member of the Blue Lodge and the council, Royal Arch Masons. Mr. Lasell is fond of out-door sports, which, in addition to flying, constitute his chief recreation.

On June 25, 1921, John Whitin Lasell married Frances Sumner of Worcester. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Elizabeth (twin), born March 25, 1922. 2. Katherine (twin), born March 25, 1922. 3. Sonia, born February 17, 1924. 4. John Whitin, Jr., born November 6, 1928. The family residence is maintained in Whitinsville.

OSWALD J. LALIBERTE—Two banks, a hospital, a number of schoolhouses and fine residences stand to the credit of the building operations of F. X. Laliberte and Son, Incorporated, of Southbridge, of which company Oswald J. Laliberte is treasurer and manager. Much other construction work in the Southbridge area has been done by this concern, which is among the largest and best known of the kind in this section of the State.

Mr. Laliberte's father, François Xavier Laliberte, born in Canada, came to Southbridge in 1882 and was employed as a carpenter foreman for thirteen years. In 1895 he founded his own business, which he conducted until 1919, in which year he retired, having sold the stock and good-will to his son, Oswald J., who has since carried it forward. In addition to doing a general construction business, building moving, concrete work, sidewalks and driveways, etc., it operates a retail lumber yard. François X. Laliberte married Louisia Frappier, a native of Canada.

Their son, Oswald J. Laliberte, was born in Southbridge, April 11, 1890, and received his education in the local public schools. In addition to his proprietorship in the firm of F. X. Laliberte and Sons, Incorporated, he is the owner of the Priscilla Paint and Roofing Shoppe, Incorporated, which is managed by his brother, William H. Laliberte. This last-named concern does roofing and metal work and deals in wallpaper and paint. The parent company built the Southbridge National Bank, Southbridge Savings Bank and the Harrington Memorial Hospital. It is constantly adding to its record for construction work of the better type.

Mr. Laliberte is a director of the Webster and Southbridge Division of the New England Power Company, president of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Southbridge, chairman of the Planning Board of Southbridge, director of the Southbridge National Bank, trustee of the Southbridge Savings Bank, trustee of the Harrington Memorial Hospital, president of the Rotary Club of Southbridge, a member of the Southbridge Young Men's Christian Association, Knights of Columbus, and Saint Jean Baptiste Société. He is a communicant of the Church of Notre Dame, where he has been a member of the choir for more than fifteen years. He has taken an especial interest in vocal music and is a bass singer.

Mr. Laliberte married, April 18, 1918, Helen M. Tennant, of Providence, Rhode Island. Their children follow: 1. Priscilla and 2. Paul (twins), born June 30, 1919, Priscilla dying at the age of seven months. 3. Joan, born October 15, 1925. 4. John and 5. Anne (twins), born June 29, 1928.

ALBERT T. BJORN—In 1921 Albert T. Bjorn and his brother, Hjalmar Bjorn, established the firm of Bjorn Brothers, plumbers, heaters and civil engineers at Worcester. Under their direction this company has developed steadily, and its services have been retained in much important work in the Worcester section.

Albert T. Bjorn was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, January 1, 1895, a son of Carl A. and Anna M. (Erickson) Bjorn. His parents, who were natives of Karlskoga, Sweden, came to America in 1891 and, after spending one year in Worcester, removed to Fitchburg, where the father is now employed as a drop forger with the Ivers Johnson Company. Albert T. Bjorn was educated in Fitchburg public schools and after his graduation from high school entered the University of Cincinnati, in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he took up the study of civil engineering. He was graduated from

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that institution with the degree of Civil Engineer upon the completion of the required course and shortly afterwards began his active career in building and construction work in Cincinnati. Later he was engaged in similar work at Cleveland, but in March, 1921, he returned to Massachusetts and at that time established the firm of Bjorn Brothers in Worcester. Hjalmar Bjorn, his brother, who is associated in business with him is a master plumber. This firm is engaged in contracting heating and plumbing work and also does some surveying. They are contractors for the General Baking Company, Fairlawn Hospital, Groton School and other important enterprises and have done a great deal of work of the Beacon Oil Company in Worcester, Providence and Framingham. They are also dealers in Carter Korth oil burners. Through steady application they have built up a very successful business in their field.

Albert T. Bjorn is a member of the First Swedish Congregational Church of Worcester and has other local connections. He married, on August 9, 1923, Ella V. Ellstrom of Fitchburg, and they are the parents of two children: Albert T., Jr., and Ruth Evelyn.

Hjalmar Bjorn, also a member of the firm of Bjorn Brothers, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, on November 22, 1893, son of Carl A. and Anna M. (Erickson) Bjorn. He was educated in Fitchburg schools and after the completion of his academic training, learned the plumber's trade with the Brownell, Mason Company of Fitchburg. He was employed in this connection until he entered business with his brother, Albert T. Bjorn, in 1921, establishing the firm to which he has since devoted himself.

Hjalmar Bjorn married Mabel M. Ahlin of Fitchburg. They have two children: Robert Harding and Marion Elizabeth.

HERBERT WILLIAM ESTABROOK—Since 1901 Herbert William Estabrook has been identified with the Worcester department store owned by the C. T. Sherer Company, of which he has been president since 1906.

Herbert William Estabrook was born in Spencer, May 9, 1874. His father, George D. Estabrook, was, in early days, engaged in the bus and livery business and also operated, in Natick, a line of stage coaches which was the forerunner of the street railway. Later he was interested in real estate, but he continued the stage coach lines until the establishment of the street railway, when he retired. Herbert William Estabrook attended the public schools of Natick, graduating from the high school in 1892, and after a post-graduate course there entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he continued his studies for a period of two years. At the end of that time he left the institute and began his long career in association with the dry goods business in the store of Charles T. Sherer, at Fall River, Massachusetts. In 1901 he came to Worcester and after the incorporation of the business he and his brother-in-law, Joseph F. Sherer, became the principal owners of the concern.

The history of the C. T. Sherer Company is an interesting one. The founder, Charles T. Sherer, born in Prescott, Massachusetts, June 30, 1843, died in Worcester, September 7, 1917, son of Joseph and Roxana Sherer, served an apprenticeship at the useful trade of pegging shoes, then was employed in the shoe shop of his cousin, and finally took a position in a mill at Indian Orchard, where he remained for two years. Before he was twenty-one, however, he became a clerk in the dry goods store of Samuel Bigelow and in this field discovered his natural ability as a salesman and eventually found his life work, though there were yet to be periods of experience in another field. After working in the Tinkham store and in Norton McKnight's for a time, he became one of the proprietors of the old Hampden House in Springfield, under the name of Gillett and Sherer, and for the first time in its history the old hotel was properly conducted. A few years later Mr. Sherer became salesman for the firm of Atkins and Remick of Boston, whose affairs he was employed to settle up after their failure. When he was twenty-four years old he started in business in Fall River, under the firm name of Sherer and Rice. A year later he sold advantageously to his partner and during the following year was engaged in buying flour, apples, and other produce from the West. Next, he was a jewelry buyer in Providence and then bought a farm at Fayville. This was taken a few years later as one of the supply basins of the Boston Water Company, and then Mr. Sherer began his dry goods business at the corner of Fourth and Pleasant streets in Fall River, under the firm name of C. T. Sherer and Company. The business grew, and its housing was several times enlarged by leasing adjoining property, but in 1901 Mr. Sherer sold out in order to devote his entire time to the establishing of his department store in Worcester. In April, 1900, he had purchased the business of the Hamilton Dry Goods Company of Worcester, and on April 3, 1901, the new concern was organized. Mr. Sherer made a specialty of buying the entire stock of merchants who were embarrassed or going out of business, purchasing during his active period more than one hundred and sixty such stocks. His energy and his ingenious appeal to the public soon made his store in Worcester one of the largest and most successful department stores in the city. Beginning with only two floors in the corner building in which they are now located, the business expanded until it occupied, in addition, the basement, then three floors, then six floors, and finally, at the present time, the business occupies six entire floors and a basement in one building, eight floors and basement in a second building, and about a half of a third building known as the Chase Building. In 1904 a corporation was formed under the title of C. T. Sherer Company, of which Mr. Sherer was president, his son-in-law, Herbert W. Estabrook, vice-president and secretary, and his son, Joseph F. Sherer, treasurer and manager. Owing to blindness during his later years, Mr. Sherer was finally obliged to leave the management of the business he had founded and developed to his son and his son-in-law, but he continued to manage the homestead farm at Enfield and also his large real estate interests, spending his last years between Enfield and Worcester, where he had an attractive home in Cherry Valley. Mr. Sherer was a generous man, and during the great strike at Fall River he furnished six hundred thousand meals to the unfortunate of the city. During an earlier strike he fed, for a time, more than a thousand people daily.

Thus was founded and developed the great department store business to which Herbert W. Estabrook, son-in-law of the founder, has devoted his energy since 1901, first as vice-president and clerk of the corporation, and since 1906 as president. Beginning with twelve departments and sixty employees, the concern has grown until now it requires the services of from four hundred to five hundred employees and ranks as the second largest department store in the city. In addition to his responsibilities as chief executive of this large concern, Mr. Estabrook is also a director of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of the Five Cents Savings Bank. Politically, Mr. Estabrook supports the Republican party. Fraternally, he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and also of all the Scottish Rite bodies, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Tatnuck Country Club, of which Mrs. Estabrook also is a member, the Worcester Natural History Society, the Economic Club, the Technology clubs of Boston and New York, and the Engineers Club of Boston. He also is a vestryman in All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Herbert William Estabrook married, January 17, 1900, at Fall River, Massachusetts, Alice Miriam Sherer, who was born January 30, 1870, daughter of Charles F. and Charlotte Miriam (Wesson) Sherer. Mr. and Mrs. Estabrook became the parents of two children: 1. Miriam Wesson, born April 8, 1907, graduated from the Bancroft School of Worcester, then entered Miss Madeira's finishing school at Washington, District of Columbia, and continued study for two years at Radcliffe College. She is interested in art, having spent two years in the Boston Art Museum. 2. Allen Laidlaw, born August 28, 1909, attended the Bancroft School of Worcester, studied for two years at Williams College, and is now specializing in history and international relations at Clark University.

STANLEY M. BAILEY—Following a considerable period engaged in the real estate business in New York City, Stanley M. Bailey came to Shrewsbury in this county and since has pursued the same line, adding to his success and advancing in the esteem of the public as a town official. For a number of years he has been a member of the board of selectmen, of which he has served as chairman.

Mr. Bailey's parents were Walter C. and Esther E. (Browne) Bailey, natives of Massachusetts and residents of Boston, where the former was a merchant. Born in Boston, January 22, 1883, he attended the public schools of that city and prepared for college at the Boston Latin School. For about five years he was a medical student at the University of Michigan, and what was lost to the art of healing when he decided to enter a business career was gain to the real estate endeavor, in which he operated in the metropolis for about twelve years. This was an excellent school and he made the most of his opportunities.

It was in May, 1916, that he arrived in Shrewsbury, purchased the old Mason farm and proceeded to subdivide it in building lots. This was a successful venture, and he was encouraged to go forward, making development of properties for building purposes his specialty. Since taking a residence in Shrewsbury he has been prominently identified with the town's activities. A Republican in political alliance, he was elected on his party ticket to the office of selectman in 1927. For two years he was clerk of the board, and in 1931 was advanced to the post of chairman by his fellow-members. He is a member of the Republican Town Committee of Shrewsbury, the Shrewsbury Fire Department Association, the Massachusetts Republican Club, and the City Republican Club of Worcester. Among his affiliations are the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Veterans of the Union Army in the Civil War, Veterans of Foreign Wars (honorary member), Delta Sigma Nu and Phi Kappa Psi fraternities. He is fond of a good mount and the chase, and has also a decided liking for golf.

Mr. Bailey married, in July, 1923, Edna Kruger, of New York. They have their home in Shrewsbury.

RUFUS MARBLE SHAW—Active in insurance work in Westboro, Rufus M. Shaw is highly regarded in this community, where he was born and has spent practically the whole of his life. As head of the Fairbanks Insurance Agency, of this city, he is a prominent worker in this particular field of service, handling all branches of insurance except life.

Mr. Shaw was born on July 17, 1898, in Westboro, son of Willie D. and Dora Z. (Marble) Shaw, the father a native of Monson, Massachusetts, and the mother of Rockford, Illinois. The father came to Westboro with his parents when a small child, and here he lived and died. He was an employee in the railway mail service, having worked for more than thirty years for the Federal Government.

Rufus M. Shaw, of whom this is primarily a record, received his early education in the public schools in Westboro and afterward worked for two years at the Ware-Pratt Clothing Store in Worcester. In June, 1919, he became engaged in insurance work, which he has since carried on. He is the sole proprietor of the business that he now conducts, the largest of its kind in this part of Massachusetts. It has sub-agents in the surrounding towns, all of them working under the direction of Mr. Shaw and his office. Although still a young man, he has come to be known as one of the foremost figures in insurance work in this part of New England.

He has also figured in other business undertakings, being one of the incorporators of the Westboro Savings Bank; but his chief business activity has been with the Fairbanks agency, of which he is the head. It might be well, in connection with this account of his life and his work, to give something of the history of this agency itself, founded in 1873 by John W. Fairbanks. Mr. Fairbanks, in those early years, built up a lucrative business; then, after continuing for some time in the enterprise, he sold it to Rufus M. Shaw in 1925. Mr. Shaw had already spent six years with him. The agency, as noted above, handles all kinds of insurance except life and represents the strongest stock companies in Massachusetts, practically all of them Massachusetts mutuals.

Also active in civic and social organizations, Mr. Shaw served for one term (1931) as president of

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the Kiwanis Club. He is a member of Siloam Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Houghton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He also belongs to the Grange and continues his work with this group. His church is the Baptist. For four years he held civil office as town auditor and he is also chairman of the Republican town committee and an active worker in the local interests of his party. He has served on different committees concerned with civic projects and has been active in the affairs of his community.

Though his activities have naturally claimed a great deal of time and attention, he has been chiefly devoted to his home and family life. Rufus M. Shaw married, September 22, 1923, Mary Eldridge, of Northboro, Massachusetts, daughter of Obed and Amy (Wood) Eldridge.

JOHN SPELLMAN DERHAM—Admitted to the bar of Worcester County while still in service in the World War, Representative John S. Derham, of Uxbridge, is said to have been the first man to be certified for practice when appearing in the uniform of a fighting man. And he has been on the firing line ever since, seeking fresh conquests for his clients, assisting in making laws for his State, and attacking the Eighteenth Amendment. He became known throughout the country as one of the most ardent and resourceful foes of Prohibition.

Born in Whitinsville, Worcester County, February 4, 1895, John Spellman Derham is a son of Joseph T. and Ellen (Connolly) Derham. His father, a native of Ireland and proprietor of a hotel at East Douglas, died in 1920; his mother was a native of Andover, Massachusetts. John S. Derham received a liberal and specialized education; he attended the public schools of East Douglas, took a college preparatory course at St. John's Preparatory School, graduating in 1912, and entered the Catholic University at Washington, District of Columbia, where he trained for the law and received his Bachelor of Laws at graduation in the class of 1916. There followed one year of special work at Boston University Law School, and he was admitted to the bar, September 11, 1917. He made a picturesque as well as patriotic appearance as, in the garb of a soldier of his country's forces, he presented himself before the court and was sponsored for admission.

When he enlisted for the war, he was assigned to an ambulance unit and was transferred to the third officers training school, whence he was ordered to the surgeon-general's department as instructor in the Reconstruction Division. When honorably mustered out, May 13, 1919, he held the grade of a sergeant. On May 15, 1919, he was made a member of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, which later was merged into and consolidated with the Veterans' Bureau. He was identified with this department until the spring of 1925. On May 15, 1922, he entered the practice of law at Uxbridge, where he has built up a large and desirable clientele.

Mr. Derham's career in the public service had its beginning in 1925, when he was appointed town counsel of Uxbridge; in the same year he was elected a member of the school committee, on which board he has since served continuously. He was first elected to the Massachusetts Legislature in 1926, having been the first Democrat to be elected a Representative from what has been regarded as the overwhelmingly Republican Sixth Worcester District. He had already served three terms in the House when he was renominated, September 20, 1932, for a fourth successive term.

The following account of Mr. Derham's career in the Legislature is from "The Boston Review," of September 3, 1932:

Representative John S. Derham, of Uxbridge, who is seeking renomination by the Democrats in the Sixth Worcester District, has been one of the leaders of his party in the House since his first term, and as his experience has increased during his six years' service, his prestige has grown, until today he is one of the dominating forces.

Representative Derham upset a strong Republican district to win his first election, but so well has he served his constituents that each succeeding election has witnessed a growing margin of approval; now the Sixth Worcester is regarded as quite strongly Democratic, providing Mr. Derham is the candidate.

During his early service Mr. Derham was entrusted with some of the important reports of his committees. He attained such success that the "wets" in the House gave him the leadership in the strenuous fight for the so-called beer bill to put Massachusetts in a position to take immediate advantage of any modification of the Volstead Act. Mr. Derham's splendid presentation of the case was attested by the packed galleries and the close attention given him by the House. Letters have come from all over the country commending his skillful handling of the matter, particularly with regard to the extensive research in which he indulged for his convincing argument of facts and figures.

Mr. Derham's success in this matter, however, was no surprise to the people of his district, where his well known ability as an attorney has built up an extensive law practice. He has given equal painstaking attention to matters affecting his own district and presented equally convincing cases. This has been especially true in subjects pertaining to the proposed further pollution of the Blackstone River against which he has waged a vigorous fight.

A deep student of legislative questions, a convincing orator with ability to marshal facts for impressive presentation, and possessing a wide general knowledge of parliamentary procedure, Mr. Derham so impressed the administration that he has been one of the closest men in the House to Governor Ely. His judgment and opinion has been frequently solicited by the administration on matters pertaining to his own district and occasionally on subjects of State-wide interest. Governor Ely has revealed his confidence in the Uxbridge man by selecting him to lead several of the fights for the administration in the House the past year.

Mr. Derham's legislative record has spread beyond the confines of the Sixth District, and has become so well known in the adjacent territory that many influential Democrats urged him to become the party nominee for Congress in the Fourth District. His host of admirers were not only ready to promise support at the polls, but also considerable financial aid, in the belief that his candidacy would be the strongest the party could offer anywhere in the State, and would result in election.

"There are several matters of interest to my own district pending," says Mr. Derham, "and while I appreciate the spirit that has prompted this generous support if I should run for Congress, I have decided I owe a duty to the constituents who have supported me so loyally during the past six years. I shall, therefore, seek reëlection to the House. I also want to be in position where I can lend my support to Governor Ely when he is reëlected."

With predictions that the Legislature will have a Democratic majority this coming year, Mr. Derham as one of the established leaders will be in a position of added influence in the House, and will undoubtedly be included in the administration's cabinet of legislative leaders.

Mr. Derham is one of the younger members in the Legislature, which perhaps accounts for the initiative and enterprise he has shown and his untiring zeal in the causes for which he has fought.

.Mr. Derham's committee assignments from the beginning have been important and during the last two years in the Legislature he has served on the body dealing with all legal affairs and with all matters affecting towns.

Mr. Derham was appointed a member of the Governor's Safety Committee for the term of 1929-1932. He was elected an executive member of the Worcester County Bar Association in 1932. His patriotic memberships are in the American Legion and the Disabled Veterans of the World War, and he has served as a delegate to several State conventions of the Legion. Among his fraternal affiliations are the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Improved Order of Red Men, Knights of Columbus, and Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a member of the Rotary Club, Whitinsville Country Club and Composite Club.

Representative Derham married, July 13, 1925, Rosalie Alice Flynn, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. They have two children: 1. Rosalie Flynn, born August 14, 1926. 2. John S., Jr., born October 16, 1932. The family residence is at No. 64 North Main Street, Uxbridge, Worcester County.

DR. JOSEPH P. BOUVIER—For more than a quarter of a century, Dr. Joseph P. Bouvier has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Whitinsville, Massachusetts, coming to this city upon the completion of his medical training in his native Canada. He is well qualified by primal inclination, character and education for the profession of his choice, and has been very successful in practice.

Dr. Bouvier was born on July 16, 1880, at La Presentation, Canada, son of Misael and Leonore (Savage) Bouvier, the former of whom was born in Canada and the latter in Connecticut. Misael Bouvier, the grandfather, was a native of France, migrating to Canada in early life. The father, who bore the same name, came to Whitinsville, Massachusetts, from Canada and died here. He was a gardener by occupation.

Joseph P. Bouvier received his preliminary education in Canadian public schools. Subsequently he attended St. Hyacinthe College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1901, and began his medical training at the Medical School of Laval University. On the completion of the required course, he was graduated from that institution in 1905 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In the following year he came to Whitinsville, Massachusetts, beginning the general practice here which he has since continued with conspicuous success. Dr. Bouvier quickly won a place in the life of this community and with the passing years the demands on his services steadily increased. He has kept abreast of all developments in the medical sciences by reading and study, and brings to his large practice here a medical service of the finest type.

Dr. Bouvier is a member of the American Medical Association and the Massachusetts Medical Society. For twenty-five years he has been medical examiner for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and also serves in that capacity for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and the Equitable Life Assurance Corporation. Apart from his purely professional connections, he has taken an active part in civic and community projects, and for the past twelve years has served as a member of the Whitinsville Republican Town Committee. Dr. Bouvier is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Milford, and is a member of Bishop Riley Council, fourth degree, Knights of Columbus at Worcester. He is also a member of the Catholic Foresters of America, the Franco-American Foresters, the Artisan Club and the Kiwanis Club. In religious faith he is a Catholic.

On June 20, 1905, Dr. Bouvier married Eva Ledoux, who was born in Canada. They are the parents of four children: 1. John, born August 9, 1906, a graduate of Georgetown University Medical Department, and now an interne at Worcester Memorial Hospital. 2. Gabriell, born October 21, 1909, now secretary to Harry Brown, a Whitinsville attorney. 3. Simonne, born April 1, 1912, a third year student at Framingham State College. 4. Phillip, born August 17, 1917, a student in high school.

WALTER C. RICE—As president of the firm of Tucker and Rice, Walter C. Rice figures prominently in the plumbing and heating business in Worcester. Mr. Rice, the head of this business, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on January 20, 1876, and here has spent all his life. He was educated in the grammar schools of Worcester and at the age of thirteen years went to work for William F. Tucker. Mr. Rice literally grew up with the business. His first duties were as errand boy. Later he was bookkeeper. He was taught to estimate and in a few years was in full charge of the business.

This business was established in 1838 by Nathaniel G. Tucker under the name of N. G. Tucker and Son, for the manufacture of sanitary plumbing and ventilation devices. In 1891 he turned over the business to his son, William F. Tucker, who conducted it until 1908. It was in that year that the name Tucker and Rice was adopted, with William F. Tucker and Walter C. Rice as partners. In 1914 Mr. Rice purchased the interest of his partner, William F. Tucker and since that time he has conducted the business independently. The plant, in 1914, was situated at No. 165 Commercial Street, Worcester, but on March 1, 1932, it was removed to the present site, at No. 11 Garden Street. The firm now owns the plant and operates the business on a large scale, doing a general contracting business in plumbing and heating and sprinkler trade, and they also handle and sell the "Quiet May Oil Burner." It is one of the largest organizations of its kind in this part of Massachusetts, and Mr. Rice deserves high commendation for the part that he has played in building it up, especially in his recent capacity of owner and chief operator. The firm had the contract for the heating equipment of the new auditorium, which is one of Worcester's foremost buildings.

Along with his business activities, Mr. Rice is a leader in civic, social and fraternal life. He is a member of Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and all the York Rite bodies including Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar, and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. He is a member of the Worcester Country Club, the Engineers' Club of Boston, the Wachusett Country Club and the Worcester Rotary Club. He has

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a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Worcester and this part of New England.

Walter C. Rice married, October 17, 1899, Maude Burgess Millett, of Worcester, and they have two children: 1. Phyllis, who became the wife of Charles Bunker, of Worcester. 2. William Maynard, who married Ruth LeRoy, of Worcester.

FRANKLIN HASKINS PERKINS, M. D.—During the past eleven years, Dr. Franklin Haskins Perkins has been director of the Perkins School of Adjustment at Lancaster, Worcester County, a private school of restricted size and selective environment founded by him to supply sympathetic guidance and special instruction to children of retarded mental development. For this task he was well qualified as a psychiatrist of long experience and distinguished record, and the success of his school is a tribute to the efficacy of his work.

Dr. Perkins was born at Oxford, New Jersey, on November 29, 1880, a son of Edwin C. and Harriet E. (Haskins) Perkins. His father, who served with the Union forces for four years during the Civil War, was superintendent of a nail mill. Dr. Perkins received his preliminary education in the public schools of Oxford, completing the high school course in 1896. In 1903 he was graduated from Mount Hermon School for Boys at Mount Hermon, Massachusetts, and in 1908 took the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Tufts Medical College. From 1908 to 1910 he served as interne at General Hospital and immediately thereafter assumed the responsibilities of senior physician and assistant superintendent of the Wrentham State School, at Wrentham, Massachusetts. Meanwhile he carried on special work in psychiatry and neurology, a field which has always held his major interest. Dr. Perkins remained at Wrentham State School in the above capacity, for twelve years, playing an important part in the direction of its work and winning increasing honors in his profession. At length, in 1922, it became possible for him to realize an ideal he had long held of owning a school of his own, organized according to plans he had carefully matured, and as a result the Perkins School of Adjustment at Lancaster came into existence. Here he has been able to give to the children under his care the benefit of his long experience as a psychiatrist in an environment ideally suited for the work.

The Perkins School of Adjustment has twice outgrown its accommodations and made it necessary to secure larger quarters, once when the present Manor House and seventy acres were purchased, and once when Curtis Hall and twelve acres located across the road were added to the school property. At it now stands, the school offers an environment unequalled for the purpose for which it was founded. The total acreage and buildings are within the boundary of the attractive town of Lancaster, whose well-shaded main street is arched with forest trees and is a part of the thoroughfare from Clinton to Leominster. The altitude is high, the air dry and peculiarly exhilarating. Out-of-door sports are most popular, and the consequent benefit is shown in the high standard of health maintained from year to year.

Seven separate buildings are used for administrative, dormitory and recreational purposes. The Manor, or main building, is most attractive. It is fireproof, of brick and stucco construction, architecturally beautiful and unique in its general plan and design, representing as it does the best that money and highly skilled artisans could put together. The rooms and halls are spacious and furnished with everything necessary for the comfort, convenience, happiness and safety of the children. Curtis Hall, another building, overlooking a broad expanse of open country, is furnished and decorated as a beautiful home for little children. A large veranda extending out from the house offers a wonderful play space flooded with sunlight on three sides. The Learned Gymnasium provides for physical education and indoor recreation. It is equipped with modern apparatus and offers adequate opportunity for indoor sports. Rindge Hall, the school building, is well-lighted and airy and is particularly adapted for the work of small classes such as are conducted at the school. The Studio is another attractive building, where the boys and girls engage in work which not only gives a stimulus to their other studies, but does much to make lives useful and happy in later life. On the upper floor classes for girls meet throughout the day for instruction in weaving, basketry and all forms of manual arts. On the lower floor is a complete woodworking plant, where the boys enjoy learning the fundamental uses of tools, turning out a variety of useful and artistic articles all finished in a workmanlike manner. Dr. Perkins, the director of the school, being a physician of wide experience in this special field, is well able to give the children all that medical science has to offer in the way of diagnosis and treatment.

The school staff consists of a corps of trained teachers who are chosen not only for their scholastic attainments, but for their background, temperament and enthusiastic attitude toward their work. Dr. Perkins wants each teacher to demonstrate initiative, originality and an enthusiastic approach to each child's mind, as to one possessing a normal development. He holds tenaciously to the firm belief that there exists some final avenue of sure approach to each child's highest mentality. Thus, there is no end to the originality, initiative and ingenuity to be used by the teacher to reach this goal. To incite interest, maintain enthusiasm and keep the mind alert for receptive ideas and thoughts, are open doors to concentration, reason, memory and general development. The classes at the school range from the early fundamental work in sense-training and kindergarten, up to and through the eighth grade. Besides the regular curriculum, there are special classes in domestic science, manual arts, corrective speech, music, dramatics, gymnastics and dancing. With the thought in mind that association with others is fundamental and inevitable, the school places special emphasis on the development of the social instincts. It has been well said that "hot house care makes it difficult for the plant to thrive later in the gusty outside air." In an atmosphere such as the school affords, with the prevailing spirit of good fellowship, the children are prepared for this larger contact. In addition to the school property and buildings at Lancaster, a summer camp, "Camp Oceanward," is maintained on the Maine coast at Christmas Cove, just north of Boothbay Harbor. Here, in surroundings ideal for comfort and relaxation,

the work of guidance may be continued during the summer months.

The following tribute to the value of Dr. Perkins' work may be quoted here:

> Where success is assured from year to year, as is the case with The Perkins School, it is invariably found to be the result of a number of vital and fundamental factors, not only in personnel, but also in organization and policy of management.
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> It is wisely said that every organization is the lengthened shadow of the one at its head. This is graphically true of The Perkins School and its director. Dr. Perkins is a persistent and everlasting optimist. This is always evident, from considering the most trifling problems, to weighing conditions of important organization or academic procedure. It is an optimism that creates enthusiasm, cements loyalty, levels differences, whets ambition and possesses power to instill in others a sustained desire to establish for themselves a satisfactory philosophy of life. Everyone who touches his character is recharged by the contact with energy and desire for accomplishment. Dr. Perkins is eminently fitted by nature and experience to serve those who are mentally handicapped. He regards his work as a service of the highest order.
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> A forceful and contributing factor to the success of The Perkins School has been and is the efficient assistance of Dr. Perkins' wife, Grace Wyman Perkins, as associate director of the school. Mrs. Perkins is peculiarly well qualified by education and experience to be an able co-worker with Dr. Perkins in all this, his life work. She maintains a sustained cordiality that is genuine as well as charming. She is both discerning and intuitive, yet practical and resourceful. Mrs. Perkins is endowed with splendid health, and radiates a warmth of enthusiasm and motherly interest that never fails to win the loyalty and devotion of pupils of all ages.

Dr. Perkins is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, the American Psychiatric Association, the New England Psychiatric Society, the Massachusetts Society of Psychiatry, the American Association on Mental Deficiency and the National Committee for Mental Hygiene. Apart from his professional connections, he is a member of the Clinton Rotary Club and is affiliated fraternally with Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Clinton.

On August 8, 1914, at Lexington, Massachusetts, Dr. Franklin Haskins Perkins married Grace Elizabeth Wyman, daughter of Arthur L. and Julia Ellen (Hardenbergh) Wyman. They are the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth Dean, born December 27, 1925. 2. Franklin Haskins Perkins, Jr., born April 24, 1927.

BERNARD GOLDING—Treasurer and general manager of the Southbridge Finishing Company, Bernard Golding has risen within this organization to his present position of responsibility and trust. He is thoroughly familiar with all details of the business, and successfully guides one of the largest enterprises of its kind in New England.

Mr. Golding was born in New York City on June 20, 1904, a son of Joseph and Dora (Salton) Golding. His parents, who were born in Russia, came to the United States in 1890 and settled in New York, where the father established the mercantile business which he still carries on.

Bernard Golding, the son, received his preliminary education in the public schools of New York, and following the completion of his high school course, entered Bradford Textile School at Fall River, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1925. He remained in New York City for one year, and in 1926 came to Southbridge, where he began work in the plant of the Southbridge Finishing Company. Working in various positions in all branches of the company, he rose through the merit of his services to his present position as general manager. In addition he occupies the office of treasurer of the corporation, the company being incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The Southbridge Finishing Company prints and finishes all kinds of cotton goods and rayon. They receive the "gray goods," bleach and finish them and print according to customers' designs. Their products are sold in all parts of the United States and Europe and find a ready market wherever they are known. In normal times some six hundred people are employed in the company plants. This company also owns the Sturbridge Finishing Company, located at Fiskdale, Massachusetts, and in January, 1932, Mr. Golding was made manager of both plants. Both by training and experience he is well equipped for the responsibilities which he has been called upon to face, and in the performance of his duties has made a very successful record.

On May 31, 1930, Bernard Golding married Myra Bayer of New York City. They maintain their home in Southbridge. Mr. Golding has given his best attention to business and has time for few outside interests. He is fond of golf and tennis, however, and turns to these sports for recreation in his leisure hours.

WILLIAM SCHWARZ—In the capacity of general manager of the Kupfer Brothers Company at Northbridge, Dr. William Schwarz is a nationally known figure in the manufacture of coated and printed papers. The products of this concern, which are of high grade and in great demand, are shipped all over the country. Dr. Schwarz is also active in the civic affairs of his community and aids in carrying forward the advance program of the town.

The family of Schwarz is of German origin. Simon Schwarz, father of Dr. Schwarz, was born in Germany and was a child when he came to the United States. He remained long enough to be naturalized as a citizen of this country. Having returned to the fatherland, he married and remained in Germany, where he carried on a merchandising business. His wife was Ida Springer.

William Schwarz, son of Simon and Ida (Springer) Schwarz, was born in Nuremberg, Germany, January 20, 1884, and completed his education at the University of Munich, where he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Chemistry on graduation. He arrived in New York City in 1908 and entered the employ of the Ullman Printing Company, manufacturer of printing ink, and was with the concern about one year. Later he joined the staff of the Aetna Explosives Company at Aetna, Indiana, in the manufacture of explosives and this association he maintained for thirteen years. To him was assigned the highly important task of supervising the production of explosives for use by the United States Government forces in the World War. He brought out a new formula of an explosive to be incorporated in the manufacture of hand grenades, and this was accepted by the Picatinni Arsenal.

It was in 1921 that he became an associate of the Kupfer Brothers Company in Northbridge in the capacity of assistant manager of the plant. He was advanced to general manager in 1920 and has since been a prominent factor in the produc-

William Schwarz

tion of the papers manufactured there. In normal times the employed force numbers about one hundred and ten people. Dr. Schwarz is a director of the Uxbridge Coöperative Bank and a member of the Rotary Club in that town.

Dr. Schwarz married, November 27, 1920, Augusta Erhard, who was born in Germany, and their children are: Margaret, Claire and Tilly. The family home is in Northbridge.

HECTOR ALBERT BOUSQUET—Holding the office of manager of the Worcester-Powers Coke Company, Hector A. Bousquet arrived at this position after an extensive experience in this line of business elsewhere. He is a veteran of the World War and holder of the long-service medal in the Massachusetts National Guard, in which he is a second lieutenant.

Born in Worcester, April 5, 1896, of French-Canadian extraction, Hector Albert Bousquet is the son of W. Levi and Melvina (Derosier) Bousquet, the father a native of Marlborough and manager of the Belisle Printing Company, and the mother born in Worcester. Having graduated from the public schools, including a high school course, in his native city, Hector A. Bousquet took a position to help earn his own livelihood. Meanwhile he attended evening schools and in addition to this he took a course in public speaking at the Northeastern University. His first employment was in the capacity of an errand boy in the employ of Barnard, Sumner and Putnam, the large department store of Worcester, and here he continued for fifteen years. During this time he rose to be a buyer and department manager. At the end of fifteen years he resigned. There, for a short time, he solicited advertising for the "Worcester Evening Post."

Thinking he would like the coke business, he took a course in the School of Combustion at the New England Coke Company at Everett. He then went to Fall River and engaged in selling coke in that city but later returned to Worcester. In 1929 he joined the staff of the Worcester-Powers Coke Company in this city. They soon discovered his ability and he was advanced to manager, which position he has since held.

His World War service record began in March, 1918, when he was assigned to military duty at Washington, District of Columbia, remaining there for six months. He was then transferred to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later to New York City where he was assigned to duty at the headquarters of the gas defense division of the Chemical Warfare Service, holding the rank of sergeant, first class. He served in this capacity till the close of the war. For thirteen years he has been a member of the Massachusetts National Guard, and during that time he has been promoted to second lieutenant. He is a machine gun officer of D Company, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry, and justly prides himself on the possession of his National Guard long-service medal. He is the Commander of the Franco-American Veterans Association of the World War and a member of the American Legion, also the United States Infantry Association at Washington. He is affiliated with the Automobile Owners League.

Mr. Bousquet married, August 20, 1923, Olive C. Dupuis. They reside at No. 33 Richard Street, and Mr. Bousquet has his business office at No. 15 Federal Street, Worcester.

JOHN LELAND SMITH—The dignity and responsibility attaching to the office of trial justice have been maintained by John Leland Smith of Barre for twenty years since he was appointed. Sitting in the Trial Justice Court, which has jurisdiction in four towns, of which Barre is one, he exerts a wide influence in that tribunal and throughout the district. He is prominently known in agricultural circles and in civic affairs and has served the town of Barre in four public offices.

The Smith family of this connection has been domiciled in this country for six generations. Justice Smith is of the fourth generation from James Smith, who came from England and was a minister of the Gospel in Barnstable, Massachusetts. The paternal grandfather of the justice was born in Barnstable and came to Barre about 1795, the family having been among pioneer settlers of this town. The justice's father, Franklin Smith, was born in Barre and in his early life was a merchant, later a farmer. He was a prominent citizen and held every office of a civic character in the town. He married Martha Leland.

John Leland Smith, son of Franklin and Martha (Leland) Smith, was born in Barre, August 4, 1859, and received his education in the public schools of this town and at Massachusetts State College, Amherst. He engaged in farming operations and was thus occupied until 1913, in which year he received his commission as trial justice of the Trial Justice Court. His contribution to the official life of Barre has been considerable; he has been a selectman, town treasurer, member of the welfare board, tax collector, and assessor, and served three years as a member of the town finance board (1930 to 1933). In politics he is a Republican and an influential member of his party. He is clerk and a trustee of the Barre Savings Bank. Deeply interested in agricultural affairs, he served on the State Board of Agriculture for six years (1908-14) and has held the offices of president, secretary-treasurer and trustee of Worcester County West Agricultural Society, in which he retains his membership. He was Worthy Master of the Barre Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, for seven years. Among his fraternal affiliations are Zion Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Barre, of which he is a Past Master; Athol Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Athol Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a member of the Unitarian Church.

Justice Smith married, January 1, 1884, Etta E. Allen, of Barre. She died in February, 1930. The children are: 1. George F. Smith, a farmer; married and has two children, Lester H. and Warner F. 2. Della M., married Arthur J. Hillman, of Barre, and has two children, Paul A. and Phyllis D. 3. Florence A., married Clarence A. L. Tappin, of Waterbury, Connecticut, and has three children, Virginia, Janice E., and Priscilla M.

ALBERT OVILA BOYER—Entering politics in 1931, Albert O. Boyer was elected to the office of town clerk of Southbridge, Massachusetts, and has continued to serve in that position by successive reëlections. Mr. Boyer is a native of this city as was his father before him. He is familiar with its problems and has met the duties which devolve upon him in public office with commendable fidelity and efficiency.

Born in Southbridge on May 27, 1908, Mr. Boyer is a son of Arthur O. and Annie (Boisvert) Boyer.

His father, who died in 1928, was a contractor here for many years. He also served as a member of the town school committee. Annie (Boisvert) Boyer, his wife, was born in Canada. She survives him, continuing her residence at Southbridge.

Albert Ovila Boyer received his preliminary education in local schools and academies and at Assumption College, Worcester. Thereafter he entered Boston College, and from this institution was graduated in 1930 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Returning to his home in Southbridge, he immediately became interested in local politics, and began to take an active part in the deliberations and campaigns of the Democratic party. In 1931 he was honored by his party by winning the nomination for town clerk, and at the succeeding election was chosen by the voters of the town for that office. In 1932 he was reëlected without opposition—a tribute to his efficiency and personal popularity. Mr. Boyer is a member of the Massachusetts Association of Town Clerks. Aside from his political connections, he is affiliated fraternally with the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of Columbus, the Gibraltar Club of Southbridge, the Assumption College Alumni Association, and the Boston College Alumni Association. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic and is a member of the Union St. Jean Baptiste Society.

On June 27, 1932, Albert O. Boyer married Claire Duevillon, of Southbridge, who is of French descent and parentage. They make their home in this city.

WALTER C. WATSON—Throughout America and in a number of foreign countries the name of the late Walter C. Watson, of Leicester, was well and favorably known in the textile field. As president of the Watson-Williams Manufacturing Company, he brought executive and managerial capacity of a high order to the successful conduct of one of the largest and most important corporations in its field. As heir to an industrial estate he proved his worth as a capable and faithful steward, and when he died it was to turn back to the family ownership a property that had greatly increased in size and value under his guiding hand.

Mr. Watson's grandfather, Lory S. Watson, was born in Spencer and became one of the pioneer business men of Leicester. In 1842 he founded the L. S. Watson Manufacturing Company at Leicester. This town has long been noted for its pioneer work in the manufacture of hand cards and card clothing. At one time more than fifty concerns were engaged in this industry in Leicester. Today the Watson company is the only one here. Lory S. Watson began the manufacture of hand cards in the rear of his home in Leicester, with two card-setting machines run by dog-power. The product furnished work for many of the families in that district at the time. The coarse cards were pricked by machine and then given out to the families for insertion of the teeth by hand. For this work the pay averaged fourteen cents a day at the time. The number of card setting machines was soon increased to eight and they were set up in different factories wherever power could be hired. In 1861 the nucleus of the present factory was built and an engine installed for power.

Edwin L. Watson, son of Lory S. Watson, was admitted into partnership with his father in the L. S. Watson Manufacturing Company in 1865. In 1871 they began the manufacture of domestic bronze heddles, in addition to hand cards. The years that followed were busy ones and the different interests of the concern prospered. Edwin L. Watson married Louisa Coggswell, who like her husband was a native of Massachusetts. He died in 1922.

Walter C. Watson, son of Edwin L. and Louisa (Coggswell) Watson, was born in Leicester, May 21, 1870, and received his education in the public schools and at Leicester Academy, where he was graduated in the class of 1888. In 1890 he entered the factory office of the L. S. Watson Manufacturing Company as a bookkeeper, making the third generation to be connected with the business. At about this time the manufacture of heddle frames was added to the number of lines produced. To provide for facilities for this branch, the plant of the H. W. Hakes Company at Millbury was purchased by the Watson interests. Mr. Watson advanced in position and influence and in time was made treasurer of the company. Until about 1911 twin wire heddles were not made in any quantity by this company. For the most part it imported German or twin wire heddles to supply a very active demand. However, with a view to increasing production in its own plant, the company took over the Gibbs Heddle Company at Clinton and soon was making twin wire heddles in sufficient quantities to make the further importation of German heddles unnecessary. In 1915 a serious setback occurred in the form of a devastating fire which destroyed the building at Leicester. An addition was promptly made to the main factory building of the company, and new machinery soon had the production volume back on an even larger scale than before.

In 1909 the L. S. Watson Manufacturing Company purchased the J. H. Williams Company, of Utica, New York, and this organization and plant were moved to Millbury, where it absorbed the Hakes Company, and with this step the Millbury firm of the J. H. Williams Company under Watson management, increased its business by leaps and bounds. The latter company, in 1930, celebrated the one hundreth anniversary of its existence. The quality of shuttles, made here, soon earned a nationwide reputation. At the present time this concern makes shuttles for weaving cotton, woolens, worsted, silk and rayon, and many other fabrics, as well as heddles and heddle frames.

In 1922 Mr. Watson, on the death of his father, was chosen president of the L. S. Watson Manufacturing Company. During his administration the expansion and progressive policies that have always distinguished this concern were carefully upheld and carried forward. Continuing in its clearly defined movement to larger and better things, it began searching a number of years ago for a dependable source of lumber which is vitally important to its product. In Marlow, New Hampshire, it found a plant and suitable timberlands, and soon it had this branch of the business well under way. Expert men were employed to season and finish the wood properly for hand cards and also for box boards and crating. New machinery and a new cement dam were built to meet the requirements of this branch, which also furnishes electric lights for the town of Marlow. This branch has been further expanded, until today it is fully

equipped as a lumber mill, with facilities for sawing out thousands of feet of lumber for which there is a ready market.

The progressive methods of development have been carried alike into the welfare of employees of the concern. Evidence of this friendly coöperation may be seen in the fact that one of the employees has been with the company more than half a century, and ten others for more than a quarter of a century. The company was among the early concerns to adopt the group insurance plan, and a mutual benefit association is in operation for the aid of sick employees. During the last few years three sons of Mr. Watson have entered the business and are now holding executive positions. In 1927 the company started the manufacture of brushes for all breeds of dogs, and at present is selling these brushes to dog lovers throughout the country and in many foreign lands. Today, the Watson-owned companies do almost a world-wide business. South America, Canada and the West Coast of Africa receive large yearly shipments of hand cards. Every textile center in America, with few exceptions, use wire heddles, heddle frames and shuttles made in the Watson-owned factories. American laundries and fur storage establishments use quantities of this company's hand stripper cards every year.

In June, 1930, the L. S. Watson Manufacturing Company, of Leicester, and the J. H. Williams Company, of Millbury, combined to form the Watson-Williams Manufacturing Company, with executive offices at Leicester and factories at Leicester and Millbury in this State, and at Marlow, New Hampshire. The combining of the Watson-owned companies under one name was only a step further in the building up of a highly efficient organization. With the factories continuing at their present respective locations in Leicester, Millbury and Marlow, frequent conferences of executives and foremen from the different branches make for a unified, coördinated organization under this all-inclusive title of the Watson-Williams Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Watson, in addition to filling the presidency of this large corporation, was a vice-president and auditor of the Leicester Savings Bank. He was treasurer and a trustee of the Leicester Public Library and a trustee of the Federated Church of the town. He had advanced far in fraternal relations, affiliating with Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry; and Worcester Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He filled the office of town treasurer of Leicester and that of treasurer of the Rawson Light and Power Company, now a subsidiary of the Worcester Electric Light Company.

Walter C. Watson married, in 1928, Mabel A. Allen, of Boston. By an earlier marriage he is the father of three sons, Wilbur L., Clifton E., and Hubert J., who are associated with the Watson-Williams Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Watson's death, which occurred on February 6, 1933, was a severe loss to his business interests and associates and was keenly regretted by them and a large following of personal friends. He was a conspicuous figure in the textile machinery industry and allied trades, and will long be remembered for his contributions to the advancement thereof.

CHARLES ALBERT CHAPMAN—The career of Charles Albert Chapman in the field of banking and finance has covered a span of sixty-four years. During this period he has witnessed many changes not only in banking systems but in the general life of the country, but through it all he has pursued the ideals of service which have always been his guide. As treasurer of the Southbridge Savings Bank in recent years he has done much to bring this institution to its present place among the strongest banks of the State.

Mr. Chapman was born at Springfield, Massachusetts, on April 26, 1848, a son of Charles and Sarah (Popkin) Chapman. Both parents were natives of Massachusetts, and the father was an accountant and bookkeeper by profession. Charles Albert Chapman received his education in Springfield public schools. At an early age, however, he began the serious business of life, leaving school to work at various odd jobs. For a time he drove a delivery wagon for a local grocery store. On October 1, 1868, he entered the employ of the Lee National Bank at Lee, Massachusetts, thus entering upon the long banking career which has brought him both success and honor. At first his responsibilities were extremely modest. He served as an errand boy for a country bank, but gradually he won advancement through his industry and energy, and with each promotion demonstrated anew his capacity to perform whatever duties were entrusted to him. Mr. Chapman remained with the Lee National Bank for six years. At the end of that period he became cashier of the Athol National Bank, at Athol, Massachusetts, and for thirty-four years continued in this position, meeting all obligations of his office with assured competence and unwavering fidelity. From 1908 to 1910 he was associated with the Chicopee Savings Bank, and in the year 1910 came to the Southbridge Savings Bank at Southbridge, Massachusetts, as treasurer. This office he has since held. The Southbridge Savings Bank was established originally on April 20, 1848. It is one of the strongest savings banks in Massachusetts and under Mr. Chapman's supervision it has more than doubled its resources since 1922. Mr. Chapman has given his whole time and attention to the interests of his bank. His sixty-four years as a banker have given him a background of experience and knowledge which few bankers can match, and his sound judgment and wise counsel have been decisive factors in the remarkable progress which the Southbridge Savings Bank can show. Although in his eighty-fifth year, he is still hale and hearty and continues his activities with undiminished vigor.

Mr. Chapman is also a director of the Southbridge National Bank. He has given his complete attention to his banking duties, and while ready to support worthy civic and community movements, he has never sought political favors or desired prominence in community affairs. He has felt that he could render his most important service to those about him in his capacity as a banker and has never been tempted to depart from this principle. Fraternally he is affiliated with Quinebaug Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

On October 13, 1875, Charles Albert Chapman married Frances Rowland, of Springfield, Massachusetts, who died on December 26, 1928. There is one daughter, Ruth, of this marriage, who resides with her father at Southbridge.

SYDNEY RUSSELL MASON—An executive of several important corporations in the Worcester County section, Sydney Russell Mason has been active in industrial life here during the past thirty years. His interests chiefly center in Whitinsville, where he makes his home.

Mr. Mason was born in Worcester, August 8, 1880, a son of J. Fred and Ida A. (Kanouse) Mason. His father, who was born in Worcester, was a manufacturer there for many years. The mother was born in New Jersey.

Sydney Russell Mason received his preliminary education in the public schools of Worcester, attended Classical High School and in 1899 was graduated from that institution. Afterwards he entered Harvard College, where he was a member of the class of 1903. At the conclusion of his college work, Mr. Mason began his active career with the Mason Brush Works, occupying the position of treasurer. He is now president of this company, which has become the Mason-Worcester Company and with which the Worcester Brush and Scraper Company was consolidated in 1929. The Mason-Worcester Company are manufacturers of mercantile brushes. Mr. Mason is thoroughly familiar with the business of the company and was active in its management for about ten years. In 1910 he became connected with the Whitin Machine Works, being subsequently elected its secretary. He is a director of the Whitin Machine Works and the Mason-Worcester Company, vice-president and a director of the Whitinsville National Bank and a trustee of the Whitinsville Savings Bank. His services have been of recognized value to those institutions and enterprises with which he is connected, and he enjoys the highest standing in the business community here.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Mason has taken an active part in civic and governmental affairs. He was formerly a member of the school committee and of the board of selectmen, is a member of the present sewer commission, president of the Whitinsville Hospital and treasurer of the George Marston Whitin Gymnasium. He has given generously of his time and effort in behalf of the community, whenever convinced that he could genuinely be of service. Mr. Mason is a member of the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Harvard Club of Boston, the Whitinsville Golf Club, and the Kitansett Club of Marion, Massachusetts. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Granite Lodge at Whitinsville. Golf and tennis are his favorite recreations.

On October 6, 1909, Sydney Russell Mason married Elsa Whitin, daughter of G. Marston Whitin. They are the parents of one daughter, Priscilla, born November 6, 1913, now a junior at Smith College.

J. CARROLL BROWN—As a photographer widely known for the excellence of his work, J. Carroll Brown successfully operates one of Worcester's important studios. He is thoroughly trained in the profession of his choice and enjoys the highest standing.

Mr. Brown was born on October 2, 1884, in Orange, Massachusetts, a son of George and Ada Loretta (Harrington) Brown, both of whom were also born in this State. In 1890 the family removed to Worcester, and in the public schools and the English High School of this city J. Carroll Brown received his education. He was always interested in photography and in 1904 began to study the subject professionally, working under recognized leaders in New York City, Boston and other cities. For a number of years he was employed by various commercial firms, including the Cramer Dry Plate Company of St. Louis, Missouri, which he represented in the entire New England territory as a demonstrator and in selling X-ray plates, color plates and other photographic materials. Subsequently he was also connected with the Bachrach Corporation of Boston, serving as photographer and then as superintendent of the finishing department at their Newton plant, where he was in charge of about eighty workers. Seeking larger opportunities and a greater field for the exercise of his talents, Mr. Brown, in 1920, established his own studio in Worcester at the corner of Chatham and Main streets. Later he was located at No. 51 Pearl Street, and in January, 1932, removed to his present quarters at No. 19 Elm Street, where he has one of the most modern and completely equipped studios in New England. Mr. Brown was the first photographer in Worcester to introduce the color plate, and his admirable technical accomplishments and fine artistry have made him one of the leading photographers in New England. His high standing was evidenced by his election as president of the Photographers Association of New England, also serving for three years as president of the Photographers Club of Worcester County. He has also served as representative of the New England Photographers Association in the Photographers International Association. During the past twelve or thirteen years Mr. Brown has become a well-known figure in Worcester life and, in addition to his professional connections, served for five years on the board of directors of the Lions Club, of which he is an active member. He has also other local interests.

On October 30, 1920, J. Carroll Brown married Eleanor Lees of England. They maintain their residence in this city.

LEON A. CARON—The family of Caron, of which Leon A. Caron, insurance representative and selectman, is a member, is intimately associated with the business and official life of Southbridge. The Carons are of French descent. Joseph A. Caron, father of Leon A., was born in Canada, left his home place and settled in Massachusetts. He engaged in the manufacture of optical goods in Southbridge, becoming an associate and treasurer of the firm of Dupaul and Young, his brothers-in-law, maintaining this connection for thirty-five years. In Southbridge town government affairs he became a prominent leader, being elected to the board of selectmen for one term and serving on the board of health for several years. He died on January 18, 1925. His wife was Rosanna E. Boucher, born in Burlington, Vermont, to which State her family removed from its ancestral home in Canada. She claimed descent from the famous French General Jean Victor Marie Moreau, who at one time served under Napoleon Bonaparte, and after living in exile in the United States, went to Russia, joined the allied sovereigns opposing Napoleon and was wounded at the battle of Dresden when talking with the Czar. He was buried in

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St. Petersburg (Leningrad). Rosanna E. Caron survived her husband at his death.

Leon A. Caron was born in Southbridge, March 19, 1894, passed through the public schools, graduating from the local high school in 1912. He pursued further study at Clark College, Worcester, for one year, and followed with one year at the University of Pittsburgh. Choosing a business career, he became assistant treasurer of the Dupaul and Young optical goods manufacturing firm, and although this business was disposed of in 1924, he continued with it until 1927. In October of the latter year he formed an association with Albert McGrath and organized an insurance business under the style of the Caron and McGrath Insurance Company. In this establishment he still holds an interest.

In political alignment he is a Democrat. His entry into public life in Southbridge was made in 1931, when he was elected to the board of selectmen. He was reëlected in March, 1932. Among his business connections are directorships in the Peoples National Bank and the Southbridge Co-operative Bank. His fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Columbus and Cercle Canadien.

Mr. Caron married, August 2, 1921, Gertrude L. Rochester, of Brooklyn, New York, and their children are: 1. William A., born January 25, 1928. 2. Robert R., born December 23, 1930. The Caron family home is No. 32 Everett Street, Southbridge.

BENJAMIN ELBRIDGE MARTIN—As principal of the Sever Street and Winslow Street schools in Worcester, Benjamin Elbridge Martin has for the past fifteen years been giving service of a quality which has commanded the highest esteem of students, parents, and officials.

John Elbridge Martin, father of Benjamin E. Martin, was born on the old Martin homestead at Rehoboth, Massachusetts, February 1, 1841, the son of Benjamin Martin, also of Rehoboth, and a direct descendant of that pioneer, John Martin, who came from Swansea, Wales, about 1663 and settled in Swansea, Massachusetts, where he followed his trade as a weaver and also engaged in farming. John Elbridge Martin married Mary Elizabeth Read, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1846 and died in April, 1882, and they lived on the farm in Swansea, Massachusetts, in the house which has been in the Martin family for two hundred years and which was bought in 1919 by Susan Martin Allien, a relative, and willed to the Colonial Dames as a perpetual memorial to the Martin family. Among the children, born in this old family homestead, was Benjamin Elbridge Martin.

Benjamin Elbridge Martin was born in the Martin homestead at Swansea, Massachusetts, January 28, 1871, and as a boy attended the public schools of Swansea. Later, he entered the high school at Barrington, Rhode Island, from which he was graduated in 1888. He continued to study in the so-called University Grammar School, which was in reality a preparatory school in Providence, Rhode Island, and then entered Brown University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1894. Meantime, while purusing his studies in Brown University, he had been teaching in the University Grammar School. After completing four years of teaching there, he entered the business world and for a time was engaged in the real estate business in Fall River, Massachusetts. After ten years of active business life, however, he decided to resist the "call of the school room" no longer, gave up his business activities, and secured a position as principal of a school at Lincoln, Rhode Island. In 1905 he went to East Hampton, Connecticut, as principal of the Center School and the following year he was appointed principal of the high school and supervisor of the grade schools at Old Saybrook, Connecticut. In 1907 came promotion to the position of superintendent of schools, while continuing as principal of the high school there. Two years later Mr. Martin went to Fall River, Massachusetts, as a department teacher in the B. M. C. Durfee High School and after one year's experience in that capacity he accepted the position of superintendent of schools at Chelmsford, having charge of a district comprising three towns. Here he remained for a period of five years and then, in 1915, came to Worcester as principal of the Belmont Street Grammar School. In 1919 he was transferred from the Belmont Street School to the responsible position of head of the Sever and Winslow Street schools. This group consists of three buildings, two housing grades from the Kindergarten to the sixth, inclusive, the other providing for seventh and eighth grades, and a department for specially apt pupils, requiring a general average of seventy-five per cent. for admission. Here Mr. Martin has labored most effectively for the past fifteen years, and the rewards of his labors are to be seen in the splendid organization of his group of schools, in the fine type of student sent on from his "special department," and the esteem in which he is held by his pupils, their parents, and the school officials. An able student and scholar, a progressive educator, and a man of fine personal character, he exerts over his pupils an influence which is both stimulating and wholesome, and has his reward in the love and esteem of those whom he so ably serves.

Mr. Martin is past treasurer and now president of the Worcester Principals Club, and is a member of the Worcester Teachers Association, National Education Association, Elementary Principals Association, and Massachusetts Elementary Teachers Association. He is also a member of the National Geographic Society and the Public Education Association. Fraternally, he is identified with Siloam Lodge, No. 32, Free and Accepted Masons, of Old Saybrook, Connecticut. He is also a member of several clubs, including the Economic Club. During his college years Mr. Martin was actively interested in athletics and at Brown University held the college record for the half-mile run. While a resident of Swansea he served as a trustee of the Public Library, was town moderator for several years, and held several other town offices. He also served as a delegate to State and county Republican conventions.

Benjamin Elbridge Martin married, August 30, 1905, Bertha Francis Chace, of Westport, Massachusetts, daughter of John Franklin C. and Sophia (Petty) Chace, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Anna Chace Martin, born October 13, 1907, attended Brown University for two years and then married Elsworth S. Mason, a graduate of Boston University, now traffic manager for the

Western Union in Worcester. They have one son, Elsworth S. Mason, Jr., born March 28, 1932. 2. Benjamin Elbridge, Jr., born January 9, 1909, graduated from South High School, Worcester, in 1926, finished one year of post-graduate work there, and then entered Rhode Island State College, from which he was graduated in 1931. He specialized in biology and was for a time entymologist for Washington County, Rhode Island. While in college he was a member of the track team, played football and basketball, and was associate editor of the college paper. He was also a member of several Greek letter fraternities, of the DeMolay Club, and of the Biology Club.

DR. GEORGE COWLES BROWN—During the past fourteen years, Dr. George Cowles Brown has been engaged in the active practice of dentistry at Worcester. He has specialized in orthodontia, an important branch of modern dentistry, and has built up in this city a large and successful practice.

Dr. Brown was born at Fremont, Nebraska, on August 13, 1893, a son of the Rev. George Matthew Brown, who was born in New York State, and of Jessie H. (Cowles) Brown, of Iowa. His father, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is now a resident of Stratford, Connecticut. He has served in many important charges, including the Sands Street Church of Brooklyn, New York; the First Methodist Church of Bridgeport, Connecticut; and others; and has also been very active in Chautauqua work.

Dr. George Cowles Brown was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn, New York, and Bridgeport, Connecticut, completing his high school course in the latter city in 1913. Subsequently he entered the Dental School of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1917. In the interval, he had worked for one year as a clerk in the County Court House in Bridgeport. Following the taking of his degree in dentistry, Dr. Brown spent one year in the special study of orthodontia under the instruction of Dr. R. H. W. Strang, a physician and dentist of Bridgeport. He also spent one year, from August, 1918, to August, 1919, in the Dental Corps, United States Army. He was commissioned first lieutenant and was stationed at the Base Hospital, Camp Dix, where he was engaged in dental and oral surgery work.

Upon his discharge from the army in September, 1919, Dr. Brown came to Worcester and at that time began active practice in this city which he has since continued. He has built up a very fine clientele, having strictly limited his practice, to orthodontia, the science dealing with the prevention and correction of malocclusion of the teeth. Dr. Brown's professional standing is indicated by his election as a Fellow of the American Academy of Dental Science. He is also a member of the American Dental Association, the American Society of Orthodontists, the New York Society of Orthodontists, the Massachusetts State Dental Society, and the Worcester District Dental Society. He has been secretary of the latter organization since 1920.

Dr. Brown is also a member of the staff of Forsythe Dental Infirmary of Boston and of the Memorial Hospital in this city. In other fields, he is affiliated with the Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity, is a member of the Worcester Club, the Worcester Country Club, the University Club, and the Rotary Club, and has been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Safety Council and Devens Post, American Legion. He is a director of the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association and is much interested in its work, recognizing its usefulness in the building of character and good citizenship. Mechanics are his recreation, and in the research and experiments which he has carried out in his leisure time, he has developed a humidifying unit on which he has received a patent. Dr. Brown and his wife are contributing members of Central Congregational Church in this city. His offices are situated at No. 332 Main Street.

On March 8, 1919, Dr. George Cowles Brown married Eleanor Havens of Bridgeport, Connecticut. They are the parents of three children: 1. Elizabeth, born August 17, 1921. 2. Curtis Havens, born July 19, 1924. 3. Ann Cowles, born June 3, 1931.

WILLIAM F. FULLAM—One might write of William F. Fullam as a retired contractor, lumber dealer, and banker of North Brookfield, if it were not for the fact that, although he has passed the three-quarter century mark as years go, he has remained one of the active business leaders of this community. He was born in North Brookfield in 1855 and has lived there all his life. After attending the local schools he went to Leicester Academy and studied for two years before becoming associated with his father in business. The latter, a native of New Hampshire, had come to Worcester as a carpenter and in 1852 located in North Brookfield as a contractor. His son started to learn carpentering, but as the contracting vocation then included the cutting of timber and making it into lumber, William F. Fullam became a lumberman.

For a number of years he ran sawmills until the chestnut blight began to take its toll of the chestnut trees which normally provided an almost continuous succession of marketable lumber, railroad ties and posts. Then the supplies of pine began to diminish and the sawmill business ceased to be of any great importance. A man of vision, however, he has been the agent in the planting of more than 100,000 pine seedlings in the North Brookfield section, chiefly around the reservoir, during his régime as water commissioner, a period of thirty-four years. He has had the unusual pleasure of seeing trees planted under his direction grow into a sizeable forest with great promise for the future.

For the greater part of his career, Mr. Fullam has been a contractor and builder, and it is said that, with his father, practically one-third of the buildings of North Brookfield were constructed by him, including two of the town's factories. Real estate is another of his interests, and he has been an extensive owner of lands, lots, residences and tenements for many years. Mr. Fullam has served as selectman, as president of the North Brookfield Industrial Board, and for thirty-four years as water commissioner. He was instrumental in organizing, was the first president of the North Brookfield National Bank and is now vice-president.

While a comparatively young man, Mr. Fullam married, December 31, 1878, Anna M. Kingsbury

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and enjoyed the companionship and inspiration of his wife until recent years; she died in 1931. There were sons: 1. William Harry, now the head of the contracting business. 2. F. Arthur, who took over his father's lumber business and branched out in the garage business as well. 3. Charles, the youngest son, carries on the hardware trade started by the head of the family. William F. Fullam supposedly is taking a deserved rest after years of hard work, but at seventy-nine he has not yet retired to inactivity, nor resigned his place among the leaders of the town he helped to develop.

RAY W. HEFFERNAN—As president of the H. H. Brown Shoe Company, Inc., formerly of North Brookfield, Worcester County, and now located at No. 69 Grand Street in the city of Worcester, Ray W. Heffernan occupies a place of leadership in the business world. To New England's boot and shoe industry he has liberally contributed of his time and efforts; and the benefits that have thereby accrued to the industry have been numerous and noteworthy.

Mr. Heffernan was born in Spencer, Worcester County, November 20, 1898, son of William J. and Margaret (Sweeney) Heffernan. After completing his preliminary education, he studied at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was graduated in 1919. Entering the employ of the Allen-Squire Company at Spencer, his birthplace, he remained with that concern until 1927, when he became associated with the H. H. Brown Shoe Company, Inc. At the outset of his connection with this company, he was made its president and he has since then served in this capacity.

No record of his career would be complete without an account of the Brown shoe business from its beginning and through its development until the time of Mr. Heffernan's election to the presidency. The business dates back to about 1880, though it was a partnership until 1883. It was founded, according to the scanty information still extant regarding those very first years, by H. H. Brown, who had been superintendent of a factory making shoes in Wellesley, Norfolk County. That factory is now used as a dormitory building of Wellesley College and is known as Elliot House. Subsequently the business was removed to Natick, where it was continued for two or three years. In 1883 a partnership was definitely formed by Mr. Brown and Lyman Spalding and two men who were doing a shoe jobbing business in Boston under the style of Chipman and Calley. After a time, Messrs. Chipman and Calley withdrew from the enterprise. Herbert T. Maynard, of North Brookfield, then entered the partnership, serving as an employee, later making an investment in the business and becoming a full partner. Mr. Maynard and Mr. Spalding eventually took over the interest of Mr. Brown, who withdrew because of ill health; and the business was continued as a partnership under the management of Mr. Maynard until, in 1910, it was incorporated. It was at that time that Mr. Richards and Charles C. Beebe, now of Wellesley, became interested in the company. They had previously been associated with the B. and R. Rubber Company, of North Brookfield. H. H. Brown always had the reputation of having been an exceptionally good manager and shoe manufacturer, as had Mr. Maynard.

In 1910 Mr. Beebe became the dominant factor in the business, so continuing until November, 1927, when Mr. Heffernan and Daniel J. Danahy, the present treasurer, took over the interests of the old stockholders and added new capital to the enterprise. Mr. Heffernan had been, as already noted, with the Allen-Squire Company, of Spencer; and Mr. Danahy had been with the C. S. Emerson Company, of Derry, New Hampshire. When business was bad, in 1927, Mr. Beebe, former head of the concern, ordered its affairs liquidated. In November of that year, the accounts receivable and inventory had been practically all converted into cash, and the company was ready to make distribution to the preferred stockholders. It was then that Mr. Heffernan and Mr. Danahy, after three months of painstaking negotiations, succeeded in outlining a plan that was acceptable to the one hundred and twenty-five preferred stockholders and to the interests holding the common stock, headed by Mr. Beebe. On November 7, 1927, Mr. Heffernan and Mr. Danahy subscribed to additional preferred stock in a new corporation, the H. H. Brown Shoe Company, Inc., giving each preferred stockholder in the old company a share of preferred stock in the new organization for every one held. At the same time the common shareholders in the old company waived all rights, thus completely severing their identification with the business. Mr. Heffernan and Mr. Danahy subscribed to all the common stock of the new company, assuming full control. The only other director at the present time, aside from them, is William F. Fullam, vice-president of the North Brookfield Savings Bank and one of the town's most influential citizens for the last fifty years. In June, 1933, the company signed a long-term lease for nearly two-thirds of the space of the Royal Worcester Corset Company's building at No. 67 Grand Street, Worcester, and occupied it, with all its employees, numbering eight hundred and fifty. The new location is a model shoe factory, it having never before been occupied for this purpose. Details of the removal were worked out with the assistance of Theodore Ellis, chairman of the board of the Royal Worcester Corset Company. The capacity of the H. H. Brown Shoe Company, Inc., has been enlarged from the 1927 figure of 1,000 pairs daily to 9,000 pairs. The entire product of the company consists of men's and boys' heavy work shoes and high-top boots, half of the quantity being "Goodyear" welts and half nailed shoes. Two years ago the company originated a "Littleway" process of making work shoes, which came to be widely known and recognized. The Brown company also makes the work shoes trademarked "Gorilla."

In the advancement of the company to its present status, Mr. Heffernan has taken a leading rôle. Active also in civic and social affairs, he belongs to the Worcester Country Club, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, the Worcester Economic Club, and the Calvert Associates. Each of these groups gains from his participation in its activities, and he is highly esteemed for the rôle that he plays in Worcester County life. In his leisure time, of which he has little because of the pressure of business duties, he enjoys outdoor life, particularly the game of golf.

Ray W. Heffernan married, April 24, 1924, Margaret F. Heffern, of Worcester. They have four children: 1. Clare, born September 3, 1925. 2. Frances, born December 15, 1926. 3. Raymond, born December 23, 1928. 4. Paul, born July 16, 1931.

LLOYD EWING BYRD, D. M. D.—In the field of exodontia, in which Dr. Lloyd Ewing Byrd, of Worcester, specializes exclusively in the practice of his profession, he has drawn to his offices a large following, his patients coming from practically all parts of the United States. Dr. Byrd has set up a record for having been the first of his profession to make a success of this class of dental surgery in Worcester. He is affiliated with the leading dental and exodontists' societies of this State, New England and the country at large.

Dr. Byrd was born on his father's farm in Stewart County, Tennessee, August 30, 1895. His parents are John W. and Maggie (Seawright) Byrd, natives of the Volunteer State. At the age of five and one-half years he accompanied his parents on their removal from the hill country farm in Tennessee to Murray, Kentucky. Here he attended the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1914. He then entered Georgetown (Kentucky) College, where he studied for one year, and followed with an additional year at the University of Kentucky. At Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, he took a full three years course in dentistry. In 1921 he won his degree of Doctor of Medical Dentistry at Harvard University.

Dr. Byrd began his professional career with a service of two years in charge of the dental department of the Worcester State Hospital. He then took a post-graduate course at Columbia University, New York City, later taking other post-graduate work for brief periods. His actual practice in his own name began in June, 1923, when he opened an office in the city of Worcester, where he has since operated as an exodontist or specialist in the extraction of teeth. It is to his credit as a practitioner that he was the first successful pioneer in this specialty in this city. The five rooms constituting his office at No. 332 Main Street are modernly equipped with every known facility or apparatus for the practice of exodontia, in which he is acknowledged to be one of the leaders in this section of the country. Many of his patients come from all parts of Massachusetts, from Maine and New Hampshire and from all quarters of the United States.

He is consulting oral surgeon at the Hahnemann Hospital, Worcester, and at the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge. His professional affiliations include the Worcester District Dental Society, Massachusetts State Dental Society, American Dental Association, Northeastern Dental Society, New England Dental Society, and American Society of Oral Surgeons and Exodontists. He is a member of General Devens Post, American Legion; and Xi Psi Phi (college) Fraternity.

Dr. Byrd married, April 30, 1921, Josephine Ertel, of Mendota, Illinois. They have a son, Lloyd Ewing, Jr., born September 5, 1925.

FRANK COLLETTE—For many years a leading figure in the life of Spencer, Frank Collette is owner of the Model Bakery, home of the widely known "Collette's Golden Krust Bread" and bakers of fine cakes and pastries. Through the successful management of this enterprise and his equally successful participation in other business ventures and in the general life of his native town, Mr. Collette has made important contributions to the community's welfare and prosperity.

Frank Collette was born at Spencer, January 1, 1871, a son of Frank and Mary (Cournoyer) Collette. He received his early education in the public schools of Spencer and then attended Montreal College in Canada, from which he was graduated in 1891. Returning then to Spencer, he engaged in the clothing and men's furnishing business, in which he remained successfully active until 1926, when he sold out this business. In the meantime, in 1898, he had also engaged in the bakery business. Starting on a small scale, he developed his bakery until it now employs fifteen people, is operated day and night, sells both at retail and at wholesale, and uses three trucks to serve its ever widening circle of customers.

The Model Bakery is located at No. 136 Main Street, Spencer. It is operated according to the highest standards, supplying a baking service which meets every need of the community. The very best materials enter into its high-class products and only the latest and best equipment is employed. All ingredients are tested for purity and under the hands of master bakers, who implicitly follow the proven recipes of the bakery's owner, are combined to form the products which have brought wide popularity to this enterprise. Mr. Collette, still the sole owner, has directed its operation and growth in a very successful way. Through the excellence of his products he has created a wide demand for them and has so equipped his plant that its capacity is ample to care for the wants of this section for some years to come. In particular, his "Golden Krust Bread" is in demand far outside the limits of the community itself and, in recent years, by sound and progressive management he has almost quadrupled his business.

Two other business undertakings also have held Mr. Collette's interest and have been greatly benefited by it. Until 1928, when he disposed of it after twenty-six years of successful operation, he conducted a well-known and widely patronized fire insurance agency. In 1926, together with his two brothers, Edmond and Albert Collette, he bought the plant of Favreau and Collette, sole distributors in the United States of Mathieu's Cough Syrup and Mathieu's Headache Powders, two well-known home remedies with a large and firmly established sale. His father originally had been a partner in this firm, which formerly manufactured its products in Canada. The three brothers now operate the business along modern lines, having met with much success in their combined efforts. Mr. Collette is also a trustee and a member of the investment committee and one of the auditors in the Spencer Savings Bank, and he has been effectively active in many other phases of Spencer life. He has given his support to all worthy enterprises for the good of the town, has held various local offices, and for two terms served in the Massachusetts Legislature, representing his constituency very ably and conscientiously. His public spirit is well recognized by all who know him and the constructive influence of his life have been of undoubted benefit to the community. Mr. Collette occupies a beautiful home at Spencer, which has long been known for its unexcelled hospitality to his many friends. He is very fond of traveling and has done a great deal of it.

Mr. Collette married, in 1895, Amanda Dufault, who died in March, 1929. He is the father of one son, Dr. A. H. Collette, a well-known and successful dentist of New Bedford, Massachusetts who married, in 1924, Loretta Laplante.

Jeremiah J. Higgins

PEHR GUSTAV HOLMES—In many branches of civic life, Pehr Gustav Holmes, of Worcester, has figured prominently in affairs in the United States. As Congressman, he has served faithfully and well his adopted country and particularly the people of his constituency. He has likewise participated in business activities and for his many and diversified contributions is esteemed and respected.

Mr. Holmes was born April 9, 1881, in Wermland, Sweden, son of John J. and Caroline (Johnson) Holmes. In 1886 he was brought to the United States by his family, who settled in Worcester. Here John Jacob Holmes, the father, was for many years employed in a manufacturing establishment that is now a part of the American Steel and Wire Company.

Pehr Gustav Holmes attended school at Worcester, where the Millbury Street public school furnished him his early training. At the age of fourteen years he was forced by circumstances to engage in some gainful occupation and accordingly became associated with the Reed and Prince Screw Factory. In a short time he joined forces with a store, serving as errand boy and junior clerk. Afterward he was apprenticed to the electrotyping, engraving and electroplating trade, continuing as a journeyman until 1909, when he engaged in business for himself, with a shop at No. 19 Church Street. The working force at the beginning consisted of himself and two assistants; but energy and application to duty, combined with sound business methods, gave rise to a business which soon required additional aid. From the outset the enterprise prospered, until it came to employ twenty-four men and to serve customers throughout New England. It was established without borrowed capital, a fact of which Mr. Holmes has always been justly proud.

Early in his career Mr. Holmes became interested in civic and political affairs. Aligning himself with the Republican party he shortly thereafter became active in politics. For six years he was a member of the Republican city committee of Worcester and for four years a member of the common council of the city, in which, from 1909 to 1912 inclusive, he represented Ward Six. In 1913 and 1914 he represented that ward on the board of aldermen, and in 1915 and 1916 was alderman-at-large, serving also as president of the board and chairman of its two principal committees, those on finance and streets. In the eight years, in which he was connected with municipal legislative bodies, he served on all their principal committees, being among others, in 1913 and 1914, chairman of the water committee. It was in that period that there came about the great development of the Worcester Water Works and the construction of the Pine Hill Dam. These projects doubled the city's water supply. Later, during and after the World War, he was active in an extensive building program including schools, hospitals and water works. At the age of thirty-five, he had served longer in the Worcester city government than any other person in the city.

From 1917 to 1919 he served as mayor of Worcester, again inaugurating extensive reforms. From 1925 to 1928 he was a member of the Governor's Council of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in 1931 he was elected a member of the Seventy-second Congress from the Fourth Massachusetts District, to serve an unexpired term until 1933 in which year he was reëlected to serve until 1936.

Among his other affiliations, Mr. Holmes is an ex-president of the Massachusetts Highway Association and a trustee of the Fairlawn Hospital of Worcester. He is a member of the Worcester Publicity Association, the Worcester Rotary Club, the Worcester Continentals, and several fraternal groups, including Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Massasoit Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men, and the John Erickson Lodge. He also belongs to the Worcester County Republican Club, the Worcester Country Club, and the Commonwealth Club. His church is the First Swedish Congregational, of Worcester. Mr. Holmes is fond of outdoor life, having devoted considerable attention, when he had the opportunity, to the development of his fine apple orchard, embracing four acres of ground. His Worcester residence is situated at No. 27 Holden Street, and his offices are at No. 167 Commercial Street, Worcester.

Pehr G. Holmes married, on May 26, 1903, Frida Charlotte Johnson. Their children were: Wilfred Kenneth and George Everett.

In addition to his other affiliations, Mr. Holmes is a director of the Skandia Bank and Trust Company and a trustee of the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank. He is still the owner of and operates the Holmes Electrotype Foundry, which he organized in 1909.

JEREMIAH J. HIGGINS—To the modern development of Worcester as a residential and industrial center, Jeremiah J. Higgins has largely contributed as a financier, builder and realtor. He is a native of Worcester, born March 21, 1857, a son of Patrick and Mary A. (O'Keefe) Higgins, both of whom came from Ireland when young and settled in Worcester. Patrick Higgins was connected with the Boston and Albany Railroad for many years and until the time of his death. Two of his sons, Morris and John, served in the Union Army during the Civil War, the former with the 3d Rhode Island Cavalry, the latter with a Massachusetts regiment. Morris was killed in action.

Jeremiah J. Higgins, after attending the public schools, entered the employ of the Boston and Albany Railroad and served in various capacities for a number of years. He is credited with having been the first man in Worcester to have operated a signal tower. A man of vision and foresight, with faith in the future of the municipality in which he lived, Mr. Higgins gradually became interested in the purchase and improvement of real estate. As this phase of his interest assumed greater importance, he resigned his position with the railroad to become a builder and real estate owner and operator. Here again he was a pioneer and introduced the "kitchenette" apartment in Worcester. He constructed apartment houses of this type in several sections of the city: The "Oxford Gate," corner of Oxford and Chatham streets; apartments at No. 15 Irving Street; at No. 40 William Street; at Nos 93-95 and 375 Pleasant Street; on West Elm Street; and in several other sections of the city. One of his other financial interests was the Park Avenue Automobile Road near Elm Park. Though Mr. Higgins has never

altogether given up the real estate business, he has been the indirect means of benefiting Worcester in many other ways as well. He is president of the Home Coöperative Bank; chairman of the security committee of the Worcester Home and Equity Banks; president and treasurer of the E. F. Hunt Company, builders' finish; president of the Higgins and Fitzgerald Company, architects and builders, engaged also in the general real estate and appraising business; and treasurer of the A. F. Booth Company, builders and real estate. He was also one of the incorporators of the Colonial Real Estate Company, of which he was president and treasurer for some years. Until recently, when he resigned, he served very ably as a member of the survey and appeal board of Worcester.

In 1886, Mr. Higgins married Mary A. Donohue, of Worcester, and they are the parents of nine children: 1. Marion, a graduate of Wellesley College. 2. Joseph T., a graduate of Holy Cross College, where he was a well-known athlete; by profession a lawyer, he was appointed sheriff of New York County by Governor, now President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, in 1932, to fill an unexpired term and then was elected to this office in November, 1932; he possesses considerable poetical talent and for one of his poems he was awarded a prize; a veteran of the World War, he served as a first lieutenant with the Aviation Corps in France. 3. Harry P., a graduate of Dartmouth College, now engaged in the real estate business in New York City; he, too, is a veteran of the World War, during which he served as a captain, in charge of supplies and property at Boston, Massachusetts. 4. Grace, a graduate of Columbia University, now a dietitian in New York City; during the World War she served as a nurse in a Naval Hospital in this country. 5. Francis, a graduate of Worcester Academy, where, as well as at Worcester High School, he made a record as an athlete; he served as a sergeant in the Aviation Corps during the World War; he is now engaged in the real estate business in Worcester. 6. Edward T., a graduate of Georgetown University, now engaged in the practice of law in New York City in association with his older brother, Sheriff Joseph T. Higgins; during his student days at Worcester High School he held several athletic records. 7. James, a graduate of Worcester Academy, where he made a fine record as a runner and won a prize in quarter-mile contests; he served as a sergeant in the World War and now is engaged in business in association with his brother, Francis. 8. Margaret, who was educated at Wellesley College, where she fitted herself for a career as a teacher, later spending considerable time in both Spain and France and thus becoming proficient in the languages of these two countries. 9. Thomas, a graduate of Georgetown University and now at the School of Business Administration at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia; he was very active in baseball, both at Worcester Academy and at Georgetown University, especially as a pitcher.

WALTER E. BIGELOW—Though Walter E. Bigelow, a native son of the city of Worcester, is now living retired from his active endeavors, he is highly esteemed, respected and trusted by his fellow-citizens, and still takes a lively interest in civic affairs.

Mr. Bigelow was born on May 4, 1860, in Worcester, son of John W. and Margaret (Lindley) Bigelow, both natives of Worcester County. His father was an employee of the National Manufacturing Company. On the paternal side of the house, his grandfather, Jabez Bigelow, established in 1834 the first factory in Worcester for the manufacture of wire goods, an industry for which the city has since become famous.

Walter E. Bigelow, of this review, received his formal education in the public schools of Worcester and, when he was nineteen years of age, went to work with David Cummings and Company, boot and shoe manufacturers, remaining for twelve years with this company. Serving in charge of the office and shipping departments, he finally left the Cummings organization to join forces with H. E. Smith and Company, boot and shoe jobbers, and remained with them continuously from 1891 to 1903. In August, 1903, he joined with Walter C. Porter in purchasing the last manufacturing business of the S. Porter Company from Samuel Porter, the father of Walter C. Porter, then the sole owner. This business was established in 1866 under the firm name of Colby and Porter. The new owners continued the business under the name of S. Porter Company, which had a high reputation for many years among shoe manufacturers in the United States and made a specialty of lasts for women's shoes. Under the new ownership which always aimed to keep the same high standing, the business grew and extended to many foreign countries. Walter C. Porter was lost in the sinking of the "Titanic" in April, 1912, and Mr. Bigelow at that time purchased the Porter interest from the heirs of his estate. In January, 1913, he incorporated the business under the name of S. Porter Company, Inc., becoming himself the president, treasurer and general manager of the new company. He held these offices thereafter until his retirement in July, 1930, at which time a new corporation was formed under the name of the Porter Last Company, of which O. Stanley Porter, only son of Walter C. Porter, is the president and treasurer. The old corporation was liquidated, but the business still carries on and is at present the only last making establishment in Worcester.

Quite aside from his work with that organization, Mr. Bigelow was active in the affairs of several associates and business groups. He is still vice-president and a member of the board of investment and board of trustees of the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank. He is a member of both the Commonwealth Club and the Tatnuck Country Club, and through his connections with these social groups figures prominently in social and civic life. His labors have been such as to bring benefits to many individuals and organizations; for he has done much to aid in the advancement of the people and institutions of Worcester and Worcester County.

Mr. Bigelow married (first), in 1895, Emily N. Cobb, who died in March, 1899, leaving one daughter, Margaret Bigelow, who became the wife of John R. McLean of Danbury, Connecticut. Mr. Bigelow's second wife, whom he married in November, 1906, was Amy Murray. They have one daughter, Jean Bigelow, who is a graduate of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. The Bigelow home in Worcester is situated at No. 17 Westland Street.

GEORGE L. C. BIANCHI—As the president of the company organized by his father, George L. C. Bianchi has been identified with the building industry in New England since early manhood. There are many fine structures to his credit in Worcester and Massachusetts, proofs of his abilities as an executive. The firm of Bianchi Brothers, of which he is head, has enjoyed a splendid reputation for the more than a third of a century it has been in existence, although it was not until 1928 that it was incorporated under the title, Bianchi Brothers, Inc., Marble, Slate and Tile Work.

George L. C. Bianchi is the son of Constantino and Adelaide (Bianchi) Bianchi, both natives of Italy. His parents came to America in 1885, where the father, a trained and experienced stone carver, was employed in Chicago, Illinois; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Connecticut; and Worcester. With his brother, Constantino Bianchi formed a partnership, and his workmanship is upon many noteworthy buildings, such as the Worcester State Hospital, the State Mutual Life Building and the Worcester City Hall. Perhaps the finest piece of his craftsmanship extant is that of the Branford, Connecticut, Public Library, which occupied him for two years.

While his parents were residents of Branford, George L. C. Bianchi was born on March 15, 1895. After attending the grade schools and being graduated from high school, he became associated with Bianchi Brothers and has followed this line of business since. In 1928 the company was incorporated with himself as its president and treasurer and Albert Bianchi as vice-president. Among the best known of the works of this company are the Webster Town Hall and Municipal Building, Webster, Massachusetts; Junior High School and State Mutual Life Insurance Building, Worcester; the Art Museum, United States Veterans Hospital, at Togus, Maine; the Post Office at Orono, Maine; the New Morris Plan Bank, Bay State Savings Bank, and Mechanics Savings Bank, at Stafford Springs, Connecticut; and several other savings banks and many public school buildings. Fraternally Mr. Bianchi is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a member of the Wachusett and Italian Country clubs.

On June 2, 1921, George L. C. Bianchi married Mary A. Kirby, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: George and Constance.

RAYMOND H. FAVREAU—During his career at the bar of Worcester County, Raymond H. Favreau has served the municipality of Southbridge in the capacities of town clerk and town council. He has built up a large practice in this his native town.

Born in Southbridge, January 15, 1902, Mr. Favreau is the son of François X. and Elizabeth (Brooks) Favreau, both parents natives of Canada. They came to Southbridge in 1889, and here the father, who was a mechanic, died. The son, Raymond, received his early training in public and parochial schools in Southbridge, graduating from high school there in 1919. He took his course of law at Boston University, where he graduated Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1924. The same year he was admitted to the bar in Worcester County and has practiced from his office in Southbridge continuously since. His public service includes four terms, 1927-28-29-30, as town clerk and six years, 1926-31, as town counsel. Politically, he is aligned with the Democratic party. Among taxpayers associations that he has organized is the Southbridge Taxpayers Association, of which he is secretary. He is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Worcester County Bar Association. His fraternal affiliations are Union St. Jean Baptiste, the Order of Foresters and the Southbridge Club. He is deeply interested in music, being both a natural and a trained musician, and for sixteen years has been the organist of the Church of Notre Dame (French Roman Catholic) at Southbridge.

G. HENRY WILSON—Agriculture remains still the basic industry of America, and the men who cultivate the soil are its most important citizens. G. Henry Wilson, retired, of Spencer, was for many years a farmer by vocation. He is a member of a pioneer family of Spencer, many of whom were lovers of the land for generations and owners of some of the largest farms in this part of the State. They were also public-spirited men and women, leaders in politics and public affairs, prominent in church work and humanitarian movements.

Mr. Wilson was born in Spencer, June 20, 1866, son of George and Lucinda (Drake) Wilson. His father owned a very large farm, which was managed in a fashion greatly admired. He was the founder of the Farmers-Mechanics Association, which staged so many important cattle shows. He was a selectman and assessor of the town of Spencer. Lucinda (Drake) Wilson was one of the earliest school teachers in this section, when the average wage was five or six dollars a week and board.

G. Henry Wilson received the educational advantages that could be gained in the district schools and the instruction of a finely educated mother. At an early age he became associated with his father in the work on the home farm. Later he became the owner of several hundred acres of land, three miles south of Spencer, upon which he developed one of the most modern farms in the section. Gradually he changed from the growing of common staple crops to vegetable growing, an agricultural activity requiring great skill, foresight and wise marketing, but one which reaps an accordingly larger reward. After thirty years in agriculture, Mr. Wilson retired and since then has made Spencer his place of residence. He has taken a public-spirited interest in town affairs and has given generous support of time and means to the furtherance of all worthy enterprises looking to the betterment and progress of the municipality. Since its organization he has been a member of the finance committee of the town of Spencer. For almost a full half century Mr. Wilson has been a member of the Grange and one of the most popular and active figures in its affairs.

VALMORE P. TETREAULT—Public service in behalf of the people of Southbridge is being rendered by Valmore P. Tetreault, chairman of the board of selectmen, who has also filled the offices of assessor and town accountant. In an addition he has represented his district in the Massachusetts

Legislature, and has a distinguished war record to his credit.

Mr. Tetreault is of French-Canadian extraction. His father, Pierre Tetreault, a native of the Province of Quebec, married Julia Lequin, born in the same Canadian province as her husband, and they came to Massachusetts, making their home in Lowell, where he carried on his business as a mason-contractor. In 1897 they removed to Southbridge, where he was in business until he retired.

Valmore P. Tetreault, son of Pierre and Julia (Lequin) Tetreault, was born in Lowell, February 2, 1890, and graduated from Brochu Academy in 1904. He followed with a four years' course by correspondence of the International Correspondence Schools, and then went to Holyoke in Hampden County, in which city he was employed as a window-trimmer in the MacAuslan and Wakelin Company's department store. On his return to Southbridge in 1914, he established himself in the real estate and insurance business, in which he has since been profitably engaged.

The military record of Mr. Tetreault starts in 1918. On June 26 he enlisted in the United States Army at Southbridge, and on the following day he arrived at Camp Dix, New Jersey. He sailed from a United States port on August 27, 1918, on the steamship "Mauretania," and arrived in England, September 2. On September 4 he left for France as a member of the 336th Company of Field Artillery. He was the only man in the outfit who could read and write the French language. On arrival in France he served as acting town major of the community where they were billeted for two months. He also was interpreter to an automobile school at Le Blanc in the Department of Indre for three months, and during the same time held the post of claims officer. He sailed for the United States, February 22, 1919, on the steamship "Martha Washington," and when on the high seas he was nominated and elected by his fellow-citizens in Southbridge to membership on the board of assessors. He arrived at Camp Stuart, Virginia, March 8, 1919, and was ordered to Camp Devens at Ayer, Massachusetts, where he was honorably discharged on March 21, 1919.

Mr. Tetreault's political career, always as a member of the Democratic party, began in 1917, when he was elected moderator of the town of Southbridge, serving through the term ending in 1918, and having been up to that time the youngest man in the town to fill this office. After his return from war service, he resigned the office of town assessor in order that he might accept the position of town accountant, which he filled for ten and one-half years. In 1922 he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, serving through the session of 1923-24, and doing excellent work also as a member of the Committee on Municipal Finance. He was a member of the Democratic Town Committee of Southbridge for about twelve years, four years of which he served as its chairman. He is a member of the Democratic State Committee and of this body's subcommittee on finance. It was in 1932 he was elected to the board of selectmen and made its chairman.

He is a trustee of the Harrington Memorial Hospital and a member of its board of managers. His affiliations include the American Legion, the "40 and 8" Society, L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique, the Canada-Americaine Association, and Cercle Canadien, the oldest French-Canadian social organization in the United States, and of its local body he was president for five years.

Mr. Tetreault married, June 2, 1924, Irene L. Lamoureaux, of Southbridge, and they have a daughter, Prudence M., born May 3, 1926.

CHARLES GRIFFIN STRATTON—Few men are better known in the woolen industry than is Charles Griffin Stratton, now retired, who for many years was president of the Curtis Manufacturing Company, engaged in the manufacture of various woolen goods, but later specializing in satinets for men's suitings and heavy flannel for work shirts.

Charles Griffin Stratton was born in Worcester, August 4, 1857, son of Charles Temple and Jane Marion (Griffin) Stratton, and it was through his mother's step-father that he became identified with the woolen manufacturing business. Jane Marion (Griffin) Stratton was a daughter of Charles and Sally Kendall (Houghton) Griffin. Charles Griffin, who was a newspaper man and in the early 1800's was connected with the "Aegis Gazette" of Worcester, died while his children were very young, and his widow, Sally Kendall (Houghton) Griffin, married (second) Albert Curtis, of Worcester, who died in Worcester, in July, 1898, aged ninety-one years. Jane Marion Griffin, mother of Mr. Stratton, was reared in her stepfather's home, was educated as his own child, and eventually married Charles Temple Stratton.

The Stratton family traces descent from Samuel Stratton, the immigrant, who was born in England in 1592 and settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, with his wife Alice and sons Samuel, Jr., and John, prior to 1647, leaving in England, it is thought, a son Richard, who later came to this country and died in Watertown. Samuel Stratton is first on record in Watertown in 1647, when he was chosen surveyor by the town meeting. Samuel Stratton, Sr., and his sons, "men of strong convictions and the courage to maintain them," were prominent in church and business affairs in Watertown, and were among the intelligent and courageous citizens who freely criticized magistrates who condemned persons accused of witchcraft. Samuel Stratton, Sr., who owned much property in Watertown, Concord, and vicinity, married (second), June 27, 1657, Margaret (Bowlins) Parker, daughter of Thomas Bowlins and widow of William Parker of Scituate. The line descends as follows: Through the second son of the first marriage, John, born in England, who was an independent thinker, active in political, business, and military affairs in Watertown, and who died March 16, 1720; he married, March 10, 1658, Elizabeth Traine, born September 30, 1640, died May 7, 1708, daughter of John and Margaret Traine of Watertown; they had eight children. Through their second child and first son, John, born in Watertown, August 24, 1661, died February 20, 1718, buried in Old Arlington Cemetery at Watertown; he married, 1688, Abigail, who died October 25, 1732, aged sixty-six; they had five children. Through their youngest son, Jabez, born March 28, 1701, married, April 29, 1725, Tabitha Coolidge, born November 2, 1701, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Eddy) Coolidge; they had five children. Through their third child and second son, Elias,

Charles G. Stratton

born October 22, 1730, died October 4, 1796, in Sherborn, to which place he had come with his parents in 1754; he married Millicent, lived in Sherborn many years, and then, about 1775, removed to Athol, Massachusetts, where he married (second) in 1796, Widow Joan Brooks; he had ten children, all of first marriage and all born in Sherborn. Through Ebenezer, third child and first son of the first marriage, born August 27, 1759, died at Athol, September 14, 1835; he enlisted at the age of sixteen in Colonel Grout's Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, was wounded at White Plains, returned to Athol and engaged in farming; he married (first), June 5, 1788, Abigail Hillen, who died July 30, 1801; he married (second), March 19, 1802, Hannah Wilder, of Sterling, Massachusetts, who died in Athol, December 30, 1850; five children were born to each marriage. Through Walter, oldest child of first marriage, born in Athol, October 20, 1788, died there in 1851; married, August 22, 1815, Lucy Dudley, of Petersham, and lived in Athol, where she died, June 28, 1858, aged sixty-seven. They had ten children, all born at Athol: 1. Joel Dudley, 1816. 2. Austin Chandler, 1818. 3. Lurenda Whipple, 1820. 4. James, 1821. 5. Emory Fay, 1823. 6. Hiram Watter, 1825. 7. Lucy Ann, 1827. 8. Charles Temple, of further mention. 9. Francis Alvin, 1831. 10. Ann Eliza, 1835.

Charles Temple Stratton, eighth child of Walter and Lucy (Dudley) Stratton, was born in Athol, September 14, 1829, and died in Worcester, July 19, 1907. He married, October 19, 1854, Jane Marion Griffin, daughter of Charles and Sally Kendall (Houghton) Griffin, the last mentioned of whom married (second) Albert Curtis, of Worcester, in whose home Jane Marion Griffin was reared, as related above. Charles Temple and Jane Marion (Griffin) Stratton had three children, all born in Worcester: 1. Isabelle Curtis, married (first) John P. K. Otis; (second) Edward P. King. 2. Charles Griffin, of further mention. 3. Albert Curtis, died young.

Charles Griffin Stratton attended the public schools of Worcester and entered high school when he was thirteen years old, at the time the new high school building was being erected. The lad was especially interested in mathematics and, desiring to make use of that special ability, he completed two years of the high school course and then took the entrance examinations for the civil engineering department of the newly founded Worcester Polytechnic Institute, which he entered in September, 1872. He was a good student, industrious and ambitious, and during the summer vacations he engaged in practical work in his chosen field, in the employ of the city of Springfield, which was building a reservoir at Ludlow, Massachusetts, under the supervision of Phineas Ball, of Worcester, chief engineer. The result of this combination of study and practical work was that when he was graduated in 1875, Mr. Stratton, with another student, stood at the head of his class. He graduated on a Wednesday, and on the following Monday he resumed work on the reservoir at Ludlow, where he had been engaged during vacations since the summer of 1873. In March, 1876, while he was at the home of his parents, the dam of the Lynde Brook Reservoir, part of the water supply of Worcester, gave way, and the resulting flood washed out the Boston and Albany railroad tracks, carried away other dams along the stream, flooded the Curtis pond, and carried the water up to the second story of one mill. Albert Curtis, Mr. Stratton's mother's step-father, who owned large mills in the flooded district, employed young Stratton to assist in repairing the broken dams. Mr. Curtis suggested that he enter his woolen manufacturing plant, which was then specializing in old fashioned horse blankets. Mr. Stratton spent about four years making himself thoroughly familiar with all departments of the plant and was made superintendent, which position he filled until March, 1883, when he left the mills for a short time. Realizing, however, that the woolen manufacturing business was a coming and growing industry, he resolved to definitely prepare himself for that business, and in October, 1883, entered the Lowell School of Design in Boston, connected then with the Institute of Technology of Boston, to take a course in pattern-designing in in woolens.

After a year of study he returned to Worcester, but soon had an opportunity to associate himself with the Plymouth Woolen Company, of Plymouth, Massachusetts, makers of high grade, fast color suitings and owners of one of the leading woolen mills of the country. Mr. Stratton was young and inexperienced, but ability and hard work brought success, and when his former employer, Mr. Curtis, saw that he was succeeding in this line he induced him to return to Worcester. Meantime, Mr. Curtis had been making radical changes in his plant. He had given up making horse blankets, had installed Knowles fancy looms in one mill, in which he was making woolens and was making satinets in the other mill. Mr. Stratton was made superintendent in May, 1885. Early in 1898 he purchased a one-third interest in the mills. Mr. Curtis died in July of that same year and Mr. Stratton and the remaining partner purchased from the executor of the Curtis estate Mr. Curtis' share. In 1901 Mr. Stratton bought out his partner and became sole owner of the mills. Since that time he has made many changes, keeping abreast of the changes in demand, in processes of production, and in mill administration. Through the years, however, he specialized in satinets for men's suitings and in heavy woolens for work shirts. He had his large land holdings surveyed, separated those actually needed for mill and water rights from the remainder, and incorporated under the name of the Curtis Manufacturing Company, which name was retained until the property was finally sold to the Worcester Electric Light Company, the final transactions of the transfer taking place in April, 1910.

In politics, Mr. Stratton has always given his support to the Republican party. While actively engaged in business he was a member of the Worcester Club and of the Commonwealth Club, and for a time was a member of the Worcester Automobile Club. He has been a trustee of Worcester Polytechnic Institute for many years and is a life member of the New England Historical Genealogical Society and a member of the Worcester County Mechanics Association. During the year 1917-18 he was active in war work, serving as chairman of the local board, Division No. 2, in charge of recruiting. As a loyal citizen, an able business

man, and a highly esteemed friend, Mr. Stratton occupies a high place in the regard of his many associates.

REV. NATHAN H. GIST—Though he was trained to the ministry and has never relinquished his activities in the church, the Rev. Nathan H. Gist has had many other interests. During the past thirteen years he has been managing editor of the "Leominster Enterprise" at Leominster and president of the corporation which publishes this paper. He brings unusual qualifications to his task, which he carried on in conjunction with his duties as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Clinton.

Nathan H. Gist was born at Marion, Iowa, on September 23, 1885, a son of Rev. William W. and Lillian (Hurlburt) Gist. His father, a minister of the Congregational Church and a veteran of the Civil War, was born on February 28, 1849, in Hocking County, Ohio, and died on June 8, 1923. He was only fifteen years old, when he enlisted in the spring of 1864 in Company D, 26th Ohio Infantry. He served with these troops until September, 1865, participating in Sherman's Atlanta campaign and in the Texas border fighting, after which he was mustered out. In later years he always retained his connections with his former comrades-in-arms and was a prominent figure in the Grand Army of the Republic, serving as its National Chaplain. He was also twice department chaplain of the State of Iowa and at his death was commander of the Department of Iowa. William W. Gist was educated at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. For a number of years he was an instructor at Coe College, Iowa, teaching mathematics first and, subsequently, English literature. From 1885 to 1892 he was pastor of the Congregational Church at Marion, Iowa, and from 1892 to 1899 was pastor of the Congregational Church at Osage. At the end of that time he returned for one year to Coe College, after which he became professor of English literature and rhetoric at Iowa State Teachers' College, where he remained until his death. Lillian (Hurlburt) Gist, his wife, was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, November 24, 1854, and is now living at Cedar Falls, Iowa. She is a woman of broad culture, a graduate of Cornell College and a writer of distinctive talent. Eleven children were born of this marriage.

The Gist and Hurlburt families and the related family of Grant were all seated originally in the North of Ireland. Their members, in America, have chiefly entered the professions and have very largely been concerned with educational enterprises. The record of these families has been one of sturdy Americanism and in the wars of the country they have actively played their part. Mr. Gist's forebears fought in the American Revolution. Not only his father, but both grandfathers and four uncles served during the Civil War. A cousin represented the family in the military forces of the Nation during the Spanish-American War, while three of his brothers and one brother-in-law served with distinction in the World War.

Nathan H. Gist, of whom this is primarily a record, received his preliminary education in the public schools of Iowa. Subsequently he attended the Iowa State Teachers' College, the State University of Iowa, Northwestern University of Chicago and Clark University, from which latter institution he took the degree of Master of Arts in 1916. Meanwhile, in 1909, he entered the Congregational ministry and for two years was pastor of the First Congregational Church at Humeston, Iowa, and for nearly three years was pastor at Clarion. For four years thereafter he was pastor of the Congregational Church at Webster, Massachusetts, following which he came to Leominster as pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church. Since 1921 he has served the First Congregational Church at Clinton.

It was also in 1921 that Mr. Gist became connected with the "Leominster Enterprise." As managing editor of the paper and president of the Leominster Enterprise Company he has had a major part in directing the affairs of this publication, rendering a genuine service to the community. Mr. Gist has also been an editorial writer for the Williamsport newspaper. He is a writer of force and cogency, revealing these qualities not only in his numerous published brochures and pamphlets but in his volume of essays entitled "Life At Its Best." Over a period of years he has contributed frequently to various magazines, while for more than two decades he has been a Chautauqua and Lyceum lecturer.

At Leominster Mr. Gist has been a member of the school committee since 1921. He is a charter member and was first president of the local Rotary Club, is an incorporator of the Leominster Savings Bank, and has taken a leading part in civic enterprises of many kinds, seeking only to advance the welfare of the community. He served during the World War in the various organized campaigns, speaking in behalf of the Liberty Loan drives, the Red Cross and others and working vigorously in his country's cause. Mr. Gist is a Republican in politics. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member in this order of Wilder Lodge at Leominster and of Leominster Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is also affiliated with Leominster Lodge, No. 86, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Monoosnock Country Club.

On November 28, 1907, the Rev. Nathan H. Gist married Mabel Revington, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, who died June 20, 1933. They are the parents of one son, Richard R., a journalist. He married, in 1928, Rosalie Bailey and is the father of the following children: Diane, Barry Revington and Lee Anne.

WALTER NAHUM HOWE—For almost half a century, Walter Nahum Howe has been associated with the "Leominster Enterprise" at Leominster. He began his active career as a printer's apprentice in the shop, rose within the organization through the merit of his services and eventually became a member of the firm, being appointed to the office of treasurer. He is also business manager of the paper.

Mr. Howe was born at Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, on February 13, 1866, a son of Nahum and Nancy A. (Harris) Howe. His father was a mill operator and later became the proprietor of his own sawmill.

Walter Nahum Howe was educated in the public schools of Fitzwilliam and at Cushing Academy. Subsequently he completed a commercial course at

the Bryant and Stratton Business School in Boston, and on August 2, 1886, became an apprentice, or printer's devil, in the shop of the "Leominster Enterprise," preparing to learn the printer's trade. He took a genuine interest in his work, and his eagerness to learn soon brought him a thorough knowledge of printing operations. He gave his best to any task assigned to him and was soon made foreman of the shop. In November, 1898, with the incorporation of the publishing company as J. D. Miller and Company, Mr. Howe became treasurer. Soon afterwards he was elected business manager, a position which he has since filled with enterprising vigor and sound judgment. His services have been of continued value in the growth and progress of the "Enterprise." There are few more difficult positions to fill than the chief business office of a newspaper. The business manager must combine the qualifications of a successful business man with a realization of the importance of specific journalistic standards and traditions. He is required to know not only his own business, but almost every aspect of the life which goes on about him and to command the confidence of many different elements in the community. Mr. Howe has successfully met the difficult task imposed upon him. His success is reflected in the financial stability of the "Enterprise" and in a subscription list which has steadily increased for many years.

Mr. Howe is a member of the Associated Press. Apart from his professional connections he has been a member for some years of the board of trustees of the Leominster City Library and has been very active in fraternal circles. He is a member and Past Regent of Monoosnock Council, Royal Arcanum; a member of Leominster Lodge, No. 86, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and a member of various Masonic bodies, including Wilder Lodge at Leominster; Leominster Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar, at Fitchburg. He is also a member of the Masonic Club and of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Leominster, where he has been clerk of the congregation for more than a quarter of a century.

On October 22, 1890, at Leominster, Walter Nahum Howe married Hattie M. Wright, daughter of George O. and Mary (Blood) Wright. They are the parents of five children: 1. Mildred W., born October 5, 1892. 2. Helen M., born May 29, 1895. She married William James of Leominster, and they have one son, Robert Howe, born September 13, 1921, and one daughter, Charlotte A., born March 4, 1924. 3. Laura E., born March 29, 1897. 4. Ruth E., born August 4, 1900. 5. Evelyn L., born September 19, 1911.

THE LEOMINSTER ENTERPRISE—The first issue of the "Leominster Enterprise" was published on June 4, 1872, by its founder, Francis Newton Boutwell. It was originally a weekly and was continued by its first publisher until 1885, when he sold the paper to J. D. Miller and Company. During this entire period the size of the publication was limited to four pages.

J. D. Miller and Company retained the weekly issue for ten years. On December 5, 1895, the first issue of the daily appeared and an important step was thus taken in the development of the paper. In November, 1898, the publishing company was incorporated, with J. D. Miller as president and Walter N. Howe as treasurer. No further change was made in ownership until the death of Mr. Miller on September 21, 1919, after which the name of the company became the Leominster Enterprise Company, its present form. In 1921 the Rev. Nathan H. Gist became president of the corporation and managing editor of the paper. He has continued to hold these offices. Walter N. Howe is treasurer of the corporation and business manager of the paper.

The "Leominster Enterprise" has today a circulation of approximately 4,000. It is an eight-column daily, containing from eight to sixteen pages, independent Republican in politics and with national advertising furnished through the Julius Mathews Agency of Boston. The "Enterprise" is the only paper published in Leominster and is devoted largely to local interests. It is a clean, well-edited paper, maintaining the best traditions of the press and the fine standards which have marked the "Enterprise" through the sixty years of its existence.

WALTON OSCAR CAPEN—Following the tradition of an old American family, which played important rôles in the life of pioneer New England, Walton Oscar Capen, of Spencer, has contributed substantially to the development of the section which has been his lifelong home. He is a native of Spencer, born in May, 1890, son of William Edwin and Caroline (Charters) Capen.

The American progenitor of the Capen family was Bernard Capen, Englishman, who came to Massachusetts in 1630 and was a proprietor at Dedham in 1633. His only son, John, may have preceded his father in New England. Of more recent generations was William Capen, who, while the Indian still roamed the woods, carved from the forest about the present day Spencer the farm on which his son, William Edwin, and his grandson, Walton Oscar Capen, were born. This farm is reputed to be one of the first developed in this section. Mrs. Caroline (Charters) Capen was born in St. Jean Chrysostôm, County of Chateauguay, Province of Quebec, Canada, on April 26, 1868. The subject of this review had a twin brother, Walter Edwin, who died in December, 1925, and a younger brother, Ralph, who died in January, 1894.

Walton Oscar Capen grew up on the old family farm, attended the district schools, and was a junior in the Spencer High School. For the time scholastic education was laid aside for work on the farm. In later years, as success came and with it leisure, he studied and read to become one of the best informed men of his community. Agriculture has always been his vocation, a farm of two hundred and sixty-two acres, to keep in a high state of cultivation, affording him ample opportunity. Like other New England farmers, the dairy business has come to be an increasingly important phase of his business. His Guernsey herd of milch cows is one of the best in the region.

SAMUEL D. PERRY—As a banker, Samuel D. Perry has substantially contributed to the well-being of Southbridge, where he is cashier of the Southbridge National Bank. In both financial circles and civic life, he has figured prominently, having lent his best energies to the development of

his community and State in whatever way presented itself.

Mr. Perry was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, son of Samuel S. and Mary J. (Marsh) Perry, both natives of this Commonwealth. His father was at one time a merchant in Southbridge. In the public schools of this city, Samuel D. Perry. of this review, received his early education; and, upon leaving school, entered the employ of the Southbridge National Bank in the capacity of clerk. Thenceforward, until January 1, 1914, he filled numerous positions in the bank; but at the beginning of 1914, he was promoted to cashier, the post that he still holds, effectively and usefully discharging the duties pertaining to the office. His whole business career has been with this bank, though he has by no means confined his activities to banking.

For he early associated himself with projects of public importance, having been town auditor for two years, and for about fifteen years a member of the board of registrars of Southbridge. He is also a trustee and member of the board of investment of the Southbridge Savings Bank, a director of the Southbridge Water Supply Company, and for more than a score of years a director and treasurer of the Southbridge Young Men's Christian Association. An active Rotarian, Mr. Perry is treasurer and a director of the Southbridge chapter of the Rotary Club; and he belongs, likewise, to the Southbridge Club, the Cohasset Country Club, and Quinebaug Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order, he is also affiliated with the Doric Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and with Worcester County Commandery of Knights Templar. He is at the same time a member of the Knights of Pythias. A leader in all affairs pertaining to the Republican party and its Worcester County organization, he belongs to the Southbridge Town Committee of the party, and does everything in his power to further its interests. In Southbridge, his own work in public office has been most useful, causing him to be recognized as a valuable citizen. In the general activities of the banking profession, he has figured prominently, having been particularly active in the Massachusetts Cashiers' Association, of which he was, in 1918, the president.

GEORGE E. FULLER—In terms of years, George E. Fuller, commercial manager of the Worcester Electric Light Company, one of the oldest officials of this corporation has been associated with it more than three decades. During this period he has advanced from office boy to clerk, to bookkeeper, to credit manager, to comptroller, to assistant treasurer, to vice-president, to commercial manager.

He was born in Canton, Massachusetts, March 26, 1880, the son of George B. and Sarah J. (Phipps) Fuller, natives of Massachusetts, the former a carpenter by trade. He had an excellent public school training, having graduated from the Worcester High School in 1897. After leaving school he worked for the Plunger Elevator Company for two and one-half years. It was in February, 1900, that he joined the office staff of the Worcester Electric Light Company in the capacity of the "Boy." He won steady promotion until he was elected vice-president in 1925. When the old company was taken over by the New England Power Associates, in 1929, he was appointed commercial manager. Up to the present writing he has been in the company's service for thirty-four years.

He is a member of the Economic Club and the Worcester Country Club. Among his fraternal affiliations are Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar.

Mr. Fuller married, June 6, 1906, Paulina Warden, of Worcester, and they have a daughter, Marion L. Mr. Fuller's chief recreation is golf, and he is often to be found in his leisure hours on the links of his favorite club. The official address of Mr. Fuller is No. 11 Foster Street, Worcester.

EPHRAIM M. NORWOOD—During almost a quarter of a century, Ephraim M. Norwood has been associated with the Worcester Electric Light Company and in that period has risen to his present office as assistant treasurer of the company. His long experience in utilities operations and specific knowledge of local conditions make his services extremely valuable to his organization.

Mr. Norwood was born at Spencer, October 25, 1888, a son of George Norwood, who was born in Maine, and of Flora (Ball) Norwood, a native of Massachusetts. His father, who is now living in retirement at Worcester at the age of eighty-four, was associated with the Prouty Shoe Company of Spencer for approximately forty years.

Ephraim M. Norwood was educated in the public schools of Spencer, completing the high school course in 1907. Subsequently he attended Post Business Institute at Worcester, from which he was graduated in 1909, and in the same year entered the employ of the Worcester Electric Light Company as a clerk. Since that time he has worked through the various departments of the company, winning promotion as he demonstrated his capacity to assume greater executive responsibility. In April, 1931, he was elected assistant treasurer of the company. Mr. Norwood's entire business career has been spent with the company of which he is now assistant treasurer. He is well known in utilities circles of the State and in addition to his business connections has been active in the civic and club life of the city of Worcester. In 1933 he was elected president of the Civitan Club of this city. He is also secretary of the Wachusett Country Club, a director of the Credit Men's Association and a Past Noble Grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Although his life has been a busy one, he has found time to be interested in community projects and has always given his hearty support to all movements with whose aims he is in sympathy. Mr. Norwood is a member and trustee of Plymouth Congregational Church, in whose work both he and his wife are active.

He married, on June 14, 1915, Hazel Freeman, of Worcester, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Olive Freeman, born July 26, 1917. 2. Jane Isabel, born April 29, 1923. 3. Nadine, born September 11, 1927. The family residence is maintained at No. 15 Eureka Terrace, Worcester.

LOUISE GALLOWAY—When Louise Galloway was seventeen years of age she started a stage career which eventually brought her into

Ephraim M. Norwood

important company and won her a place as a favorite of the theatre-going public. Many devotees of the legitimate drama recall with pleasure her histrionic successes made possible by a natural and cultivated talent for acting, and her musicianly and vocal triumphs. Now she is happily married and in quaint, quiet, old Brookfield is comfortably established as hostess of a tea house in her own right, and caters to a select following. She is doing much for the town also in the way of producing an occasional play for which she books well known artists from leading New York theatres.

Miss Galloway—she retains her maiden name for professional and business reasons—was born in Marshall, Michigan, and early gave evidence of the dramatic sense. She was in her middle 'teens when she made her stage début in "The Juggernaut," supporting Mary Shaw and John Kellard. Her work won the approval of manager and patrons, and after a season with that company she came to New York as the Jennie of the "Music Master," in which David Warfield was adding to his fame, to which her acting contributed. Then she was the good old Grandma of Colonel Savage's production, "The Clinging Vine," and later was cast by David Belasco for "The Gold Diggers" and "Polly with a Past," having been seven years with these two last-named productions, in which she charmed packed houses. A discriminating public and usually phylegmatic critics aided her success by their presence and cordial comment. She subsequently appeared with Jed Harris in "Weak Sisters," in which she filled her rôle with her well-known ability.

Miss Galloway by no means detached herself from the theatrical world, when she arrived in the lovely New England village of Brookfield. She had earned her right to rest awhile in the midst of quietude and the restful scenes afforded so generously in this ancient Worcester County community, replete with historic lore and pleasing associations. It was in 1912 that she gratified her fondness for the beauty to be found and developed in old-fashioned surroundings, purchasing a very old and much dilapidated building which she restored and remodeled in part, on its old lines, for the use of her business, known as a tea house. With appreciation of the niceties and the touch of the true artist, she appointed the interior in a most attractive manner, which has effectively appealed to her patrons. Brookfield folk—and scores from neighbor towns and others more remote—sing loudly her praise as a hostess, for her success as a business woman is but another chapter in her record whose earlier section is devoted to her theatrical activities. She follows closely the doings of stagedom —both the new and the old—and now and again regales her Brookfield neighbors and others of her numerous friends with some choice production fresh from a long run of success on Broadway. In a sense, she might well be called the official impressario of the town, since her finger is always on the pulse of the theatre public to determine what is the best play to bring to Brookfield as opportunity and demand shall dictate. Her people are not unappreciative of her fine service in this respect.

Miss Galloway married, in 1914, Lindoff A. Bassett, of Brookfield, who is secretary of the McLaurin Manufacturing Company. Like many another woman who has made her name in one of the professions, she has not submerged her real self by choosing to enter the matrimonial state.

ANDREW P. NICHOLS—Holding the office of treasury representative of the New England Power Associates, Andrew P. Nichols, with headquarters in Worcester, has risen to this important position from humble circumstances, his first employment in the public utility line being in the capacity of bookkeeper.

Mr. Nichols comes of a seafaring family. His parents are Henry J. and Angeline (Berry) Nichols, natives of Searsport, Maine, his father, a sea captain, having followed the sea practically all of his life.

Born in Boston, August 13, 1888, Andrew P. Nichols completed his education at the Liversidge Institute in that city. His first step in a business career was taken as office boy for George E. Homer, jeweler, Winter Street, Boston, where he worked for two years. As bookkeeper for Laurence Minot and Philip Cabot, trustees in the care of estates, he was employed for seven years. Still in the capacity of bookkeeper, he was sent to Fall River and attached to the office of the Fall River Electric Light Company. He rose to treasurer of this company and in 1929, when the New England Power Associates took over the Fall River plant, he was retained in the service. It was in 1931 that he was transferred to Worcester and made treasury representative for the various public utilities owned or managed by the New England Power Associates in Central Massachusetts.

He is affiliated with Fall River Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Fall River Lodge, No. 219, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Wachusett Country Club. He takes recreation chiefly in gardening, being fond of horticulture.

Mr. Nichols married, June 22, 1915, Laura I. Picken, of Boston, and they have a daughter, Ruth, born December 25, 1916.

EMERSON A. LUDDEN, M. D.—Beginning life as a drug store clerk and later becoming a worker in a shoe factory, Dr. Emerson A. Ludden, of North Brookfield, graduated into the practice of medicine, in which he has achieved an excellent reputation as an all-round practitioner. He is also a leading factor in the financial and municipal activities of the town.

Born in Spencer, Worcester County, November 18, 1861, Dr. Emerson A. Ludden is the son of Manley G. and Caroline I. (Bemis) Ludden, the father a native of that town and the mother of Paxton in this county. On the paternal side the line is of Dutch (Holland) origin, and the more immediate ancestors were farmers. The first of three Luddens who came to America was a physician, and a family of this name was among the first to settle what now is known as Spencer. On the maternal side Dr. Ludden's forebears came from England. Charles A. Bemis, formerly a shoe manufacturer in Spencer, had previously served in the Union Army in the Civil War.

After passing through the public schools of Brookfield, Dr. Ludden went to work in a drug store in that town. He was a mere boy at the time. Later he was employed in the shoe factory of Isaac Prouty and Company in Spencer and then

went to Brookfield, where he was similarly employed. At the age of twenty-one he made choice of the medical profession for his life work and entered the Albany (New York) Medical College, a department of Union University. Here he was graduated with his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1888, the exercises taking place during the memorable snowstorm of March 12 of that year. Establishing himself first in practice at Holbrook in this county, he remained there one year and returned to Brookfield, where he engaged in the drug business, which he conducted in 1901. In the latter year he opened an office for the practice of medicine in North Brookfield and has since been building up a fine following of patients and increasing in the favor of the public generally. His home in the central section of the town is one of the architectural features of the community.

Dr. Ludden is active in various interests of constructive value in the town. For fourteen years he has been school physician and he has been on the Republican Town Committee for a number of years. He is a trustee and auditor of the North Brookfield Savings Bank, a member of the Worcester District Medical Society and the Brookfield Medical Club. He aided in the institution of Fidelity Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Spencer, and was elected its first Chancellor Commander, being also chosen the first representative to the Grand Lodge. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational Church.

Dr. Ludden married, February 12, 1893, Ernestine L. Letourneau, who was born in Napierville, Canada.

JOSEPH ST. GEORGE—In the municipal affairs of the town of Warren, Joseph St. George continues to play a prominent part, being chairman of the board of selectmen, a former chairman of the board of health and a constable of this community.

Born in Wellsboro, New York, May 3, 1861, Mr. St. George is the son of Ambrose and Margaret (Jengross) St. George, both of his parents natives of Canada, the father an iron and steel worker in his younger days and later conducting a farm in association with his son Joseph. He lived to the age of ninety-three years. Having received a limited education in the country schools, Mr. St. George was thirteen years old, when he went to live on a farm in Charlotte, Vermont. He next went to the Holbrook farm in Brimfield, in Hampton County, where he was employed for seventeen years. In return for wages and the care taken of Mr. Holbrook, the latter deeded the farm to Mr. St. George. He subsequently purchased the adjoining Lincoln farm and with the two tracts he owned about four hundred acres. In June, 1904, he sold the farm and went to Warren, where he purchased a livery stable. This business he conducted for eight years, or until the automobile began to compete to his disadvantage, when he disposed of the livery stable. He has since operated a farm and dairy enterprise, owning about eighty acres of woodland and five acres in the homestead piece.

He entered his political career in 1905, in which year he was elected a member of the board of health of the town of Warren and served nine terms or twenty-seven years. His occupancy of the chairmanship covered seventeen years. He was also commissioned a constable, in 1905, and during his tenure of twenty years he held the record of having made a greater number of arrests than any officer in Warren. It was in 1927 that he was first elected to the board of selectmen, and his chairmanship of the town's chief governing body has already run into six years, having been reelected every year. He is regarded as one of the best known public officials in this section of the State.

Mr. St. George married, December 31, 1882, Minnie Reynolds, a native of Schuyler Falls, New York. Their children are: 1. Joseph Sumner, of Warren. 2. Mary A., a school teacher, resides at the family home. 3. William H., manager of the Milford Grain Company. 4. Daniel, a real estate broker at Belmont, California. 5. Mildred Ruth, married Jeremiah Scanly, of Monson. 6. Charles W., of Warren, an overseas veteran of the World War, who was wounded in Death Valley, France. 7. Minnie, now Sister Mary Delora, and residing in a convent. 8. Ethel, now Sister Mary of St. John, a resident of a convent in Worcester. 9. Napoleon N., manager of the Ware Grain and Coal Company. Three sons, Fred, Edward and Ronald, died in their youth. Mr. and Mrs. St. George celebrated their golden wedding on December 31, 1932.

ALFRED W. BROWN, M. D.—Professional experience in charge of the medical department of school athletics in another State and in hospital work in a South American city supplemented the technical education received by Dr. Alfred W. Brown and preceded his settling in his adopted town of Spencer. Here he is highly regarded for his ability and civic spirit. He is also the medical examiner for a number of insurance companies.

Born in Quincy, November 7, 1886, Alfred W. Brown is the son of Elijah Stone and Clara Sophia (Newcomb) Brown, the father a native of Maine and engaged as a contractor in Quincy, and the mother born in the State. After a preliminary education in the public schools and graduation from the Adams Academy in 1904, the son, Alfred W., studied at Tufts Medical School, where he received his degree and graduated in the class of 1913. His first professional appointment took him to Baltimore, Maryland, where he filled the position of medical supervisor of school athletics for the entire State. At the end of about three years he resigned and went to Barranquilla, Republic of Colombia, South America, and there conducted a private hospital. He was thus engaged for five years and, besides doing a vast amount of good for the people served by his institution, he acquired an invaluable fund of practical experience, which has stood him in excellent stead in these later years. In 1921 he came to Spencer, opened an office and has since been in general practice here.

His affiliations include the American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Society, Brookfield Medical Club, and Society of Physicians at Barranquilla, Colombia; Spencer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Scottish Rite Consistory; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Boston; Fraternal Order of Eagles; and Improved Order of Red Men. His recreations are hunting and fishing.

Dr. Brown married, September 26, 1913, Caroline M. Merrill, of Amesbury, and they have two children: 1. Ruth C., born July 14, 1914. 2. Alfred W., Jr., born September 10, 1916.

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JOHN E. DALTON, M. D.—In addition to caring for a large and desirable medical practice, Dr. John E. Dalton has served the town of Warren in various official positions, as selectman, member of the school committee and member of the board of health. He is regarded as one of the most successful physicians and surgeons in this section of the State.

Dr. Dalton was born in Hadley, Hampshire County, April 7, 1874, a son of John and Honora (Walsh) Dalton. Both his parents were natives of Ireland, who came in their youth with their respective parents to this country. Here they were reared and educated and later married, settling in Hadley, where they were farmers. The then future physician attended the public schools of Hadley and Hopkins Academy, where he was graduated in 1891. He then took up the study of medicine, entered the Long Island Medical College and Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, graduating with his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1894. As a resident physician he spent two years in the Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York.

He came to Warren and opened an office in January, 1907, and here he has continued to grow in favor with his patients and the people generally. His professional affiliations include the Massachusetts State Medical Society and the Brookfield Medical Club. In the town's political service he filled the office of selectman for seven years, school committeeman for twenty-five years and member of the board of health for approximately ten years. He was a member of the special committee charged with the construction of the new East Street school building and is a member of the Library Association. He is the official medical examiner for the Citizens Military Training Camp.

Dr. Dalton married (first) Nellie Gleason, by whom he has a daughter, Helen, a teacher in the New Britain (Connecticut) High School. Mrs. Dalton died in 1905. Dr. Dalton married (second), in 1912, Katharine McEnelly, of Hopkinton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. Two daughters have been born to this union: 1. Katharine, a student at Trinity College, Washington, District of Columbia. 2. Honora, graduated from the Warren High School in 1933, now a student at Columbia University, New York City.

REV. JAMES M. BURKE, S. T. L.—St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church at Millbury, of which the Rev. James M. Burke, S. T. L., is now pastor, was erected in 1850-51. Previous to that time, Millbury was a mission of St. John's parish in Worcester. The first Catholic services in the town were held in 1834, when Father Fitton took up the care of the Catholic people of Worcester and occasionally said mass in Millbury, either in the old "Arcade" or in the home of James Campbell. Father Fitton's work in Millbury was continued by Father Williamson, who in turn was succeeded, in April, 1845, by Father Gibson, who said mass regularly in the Millbury Town Hall. On some Sundays there were no services in Millbury, and it was then necessary for the Catholic people of the town to walk to the church on Temple Street, Worcester, or to Holy Cross College, in Worcester, a distance of about seven miles.

In June, 1850, the Catholics of Millbury determined upon the erection of a church. Michael Coogan, who had been a resident here since 1830, gave the land for a church site and on October 20, 1850, Father Gibson began the erection of St. Bridget's. The first mass was said in the church on Christmas Day of the same year. On October 1, 1851, Father L'Eveque was appointed first pastor of the new parish of Millbury and on October 2d, the Church of St. Brigid was dedicated by Bishop Fitzpatrick of Boston. On September 20, 1853, Millbury ceased to be an independent parish and was annexed as a mission to Uxbridge, in the care of the Rev. E. J. Sheridan. Later, St. Brigid's became a mission of St. Anne's Church, Worcester, then under the control of the Rev. John Power, who served Millbury for eleven years. On June 30, 1869, however, Millbury was again made a separate parish and the Rev. Michael Dougherty was appointed its pastor. Two years after this he built the Presbytery. Father Dougherty remained at St. Brigid's until his death in August, 1886, and was succeeded by the Rev. William H. Goggin, LL. D., who served here until the fall of 1898. During his pastorate he enlarged the church considerably, redecorating and beautifying it, and erected new altars. He also installed a new church organ. Father Goggin was succeeded by the Rev. Charles J. Boylan, who remained but a short time because of failing health. During the next six months St. Brigid's was in charge of the Rev. James M. Prendergast, who was followed on October 6, 1898, by the Rev. P. L. Quaille.

Father Quaille served at Millbury until his death in November, 1902. He was followed by the Rev. William Finneran, who remained until March 28, 1903. On September 30 of the same year, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Conlin became the new pastor of St. Brigid's Church and continued in charge until his appointment as permanent pastor of the church at Chicopee, Massachusetts, on March 1, 1905. He was succeeded at Millbury by Father J. J. Tyrell, who remained until December 7, 1905, when the Rev. John F. Griffin was made pastor. Father Griffin served until the death of Bishop Beaven, when he was transferred to Ware, and in 1920 Father Daniel H. Tully entered upon the notable pastorate at Millbury which was terminated only by his death on November 20, 1932. In addition to his duties locally, he served as director of charities for the Springfield Diocese. Father Tully was a priest of the highest possible order, much beloved not only by his own people but by all with whom he came in contact. Upon his death, the body lay in state at the rectory for two days and was then removed to St. Brigid's Church, where the funeral services were held. The solemn high requiem mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, Bishop of Springfield, and the beautiful eulogy was delivered by the Rev. Thomas F. Curran. During the funeral all places of business in the town were closed as a mark of respect, and the town officials in a body attended the services, together with representatives of local organizations, prominent figures of the community and hundreds of its people in every walk of life. More than a hundred priests and members of the Catholic hierarchy were also present, not only from the Springfield Diocese, but from other cities and towns within a radius of two hundred miles All were gathered together to pay their heartfelt tributes to one whose life was a career of service to the church and to his fellowmen.

Father James M. Burke, S. T. L., the present incumbent of St. Brigid's Church, was appointed to Millbury on July 31, 1933. He was born at Clinton, Massachusetts, on April 5, 1880, and received his preliminary education in the public and parochial schools of that town. Subsequently he studied at St. Charles College, Ellicott City, Maryland; St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore; and the Catholic University of America at Washington, District of Columbia, taking degrees from all of these institutions. In 1903 he was ordained to the priesthood of the Catholic Church by Cardinal Gibbons in Baltimore, and in order to prepare himself more completely for his priestly duties he then carried on special post-graduate studies at the Catholic University of America, where he remained until 1905. In the latter year he was appointed assistant pastor of St. John's Church in Worcester and in 1908 was sent to Milford, where he was assistant for one year. At the end of that period he went to St. Paul's Church, Worcester, remaining for eleven years.

When the United States entered the World War, Father Burke enlisted in the 181st Regiment from Massachusetts and was assigned to Camp Devens, with the rank of first lieutenant. Later he was promoted to senior chaplain. When his war service terminated with the signing of the Armistice, Father Burke was sent to Gardner, as assistant pastor of the Catholic Church, remaining for seven years. During this period he redecorated and repainted the church and put the entire property in first-class condition. He was also instrumental in purchasing for the parish the famous Heywood estate, upon which the convent and school of the Parish are now located. In 1926 Father Burke was appointed pastor of St. Catherine's Church at Leeds, Massachusetts, where he also served for seven years and again was largely instrumental in bringing the church property to a high level. He continued his service there until he was appointed to Millbury on July 31, 1933, by the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, D. D., Bishop of Springfield.

As pastor of St. Brigid's Church, Father Burke ministers to a parish of about one thousand souls. It is a vigorous parish, whose people are deeply interested in the work of the church and the various church societies, all of which are conducted under Father Burke's active supervision. The church itself is one of the well-known landmarks of the community and the rectory occupied by the priest is one of the great houses of former days, forming part of the old estate of Asa Waters, who manufactured guns for the government during the Civil War.

This residence Asa Waters built for his own use and, although it is now more than a hundred years old, it stands as solidly as the day it was built. It is in the English Georgian style and constitutes one of the finest examples extant of the architecture of the early nineteenth century. An impressive colonnade of the composite order distinguishes the front entrance and its carved entablature is carried about the main house with pilasters at the corners. Above the principal cornice, a third or attic story is crowned by another carved cornice and an ornamental balustrade. The design is skillfully treated throughout and the academic proportions are maintained with beautiful correctness.

The frame of the Asa Waters house was raised in June, 1826, and a large company collected. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Goffe and a collation was served to celebrate the occasion. The builder was Captain Louis Bigelow of Worcester, and the architect, Mr. Bryant, of Boston, who, in the same year, built the first American railroad. This was the line used in carrying granite blocks needed in the construction of Bunker Hill Monument. Two years were taken in gathering the materials for the Waters mansion. In those days railroads were non-existent, and even the slow-moving canal boat had yet to make its appearance. Consequently, all the hard pine from the South, of which the main house was built, the mahogany from South America, used in the trimmings, the marble from Italy and the bricks from Baltimore were brought into Millbury by horse and wagon. It was an unprecedented undertaking in building on a site so far from tide water. The finished lumber was of pumpkin pine from the Maine woods, and all boards, mouldings, joinings and carvings were slowly wrought by hand. No other method was possible since wood-carving machines had not yet been invented.

Mr. Waters enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner, in November, 1829, in his new home, but its final completion was not celebrated until 1832. On that happy occasion, numerous musicians, vocal and instrumental, were engaged and an original code, written by the host, was sung by the choir led by Captain Longby. Christmas Day, 1832, was selected for the house warming and a general invitation to all neighbors of this and surrounding towns was extended. Governor Levi Lincoln, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, invited Daniel Webster and other prominent officials to ride down from Worcester to see the house, and in later years many other famous figures were entertained within its walls. When Henry Clay, the great apostle of the protective tariff, visited New England in 1835, he held a reception in the East Parlor. It is an interesting incident of the period that on that occasion the manager of the Cordis Mills presented him with a roll of broadcloth. During the days of the New England Lyceum lectures, Agassiz and other distinguished lecturers were entertained here, and many years later the granddaughter of the builder had as her guests the President of the United States, William Howard Taft, and Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, of telephone fame.

This famous mansion, with its twenty-one rooms, is equally noted for the beauty of its interior. The marvelously carved woodwork, much of it placed here by Father Burke since it has been used as the rectory of St. Brigid's Church, exemplifies the finest workmanship of skilled artisans. The woods used in the trimmings and paneling are in many instances fine mahogany, which has been carved in unique and beautiful designs. From the front hallway, a winding staircase, along the side of which is an exquisitely designed banister, leads up three flights of stairs to the upper floors. Father Burke has for many years been a collector of antiques, especially antique glassware, of which he is a connoisseur. His collection, containing many examples of the rarest hand-blown glass, beautiful in design and coloring, receives a fitting setting in the Millbury rectory and occupies a

part of its three floors. Many of the pieces are in cases, which are all hand-carved and polished, extending around three sides of the rectory walls. One very large room is devoted entirely to the choicest pieces of the collection, which is unexcelled, if indeed it is equalled, by any private collection in the country. In fact, there are probably few museums that have so large and beautiful an exhibit of the glassmaker's art. St. Brigid's rectory receives many visitors annually, who are drawn by the fame of the old mansion and by a desire to see Father Burke's collection. He is always happy to share with them the pleasure he has derived from collecting his glassware over a long period of years.

WILLIAM J. HEFFERNAN—In newspaper publication, William J. Heffernan has figured prominently in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, particularly in Worcester County. He is now the owner and publisher of the Spencer "Leader," which he took over in 1892; and the influence that he has exerted in his community and county through its columns and through his other journalistic efforts has been an outstanding one.

Mr. Heffernan was born at Spencer, July 10, 1870, son of Daniel and Mary Heffernan. After receiving his preliminary education, he attended Spencer High School and in 1884, when only fourteen years of age, was apprenticed to the office of the Spencer "Sun." Four years later, in 1888, he entered the job printing business. And in 1892, as noted above, he took over publication of the Spencer "Leader" and Leicester "Banner," adding to them the Brookfields' "Union" two years later. He erected his own building, to house the printing plant, in 1894 and then started to develop his great printing business. He specialized in school and college books until, in a dozen years, the business had quadrupled. He still conducts his joint printing and publishing enterprises and through them performs a valuable work in his community, county and State. In 1922 his son, Neil T. Heffernan, became associated with the business.

Along with his labors in connection with publishing and printing in Worcester County, Mr. Heffernan maintains a number of affiliations in social, civic and professional quarters. He served for twenty years as secretary of the Massachusetts Press Association and was also vice-president of the New England Suburban Press Association. He also is a member of the National Editorial Association, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the O'Reilly Assembly of the Knights of Columbus (in which he is also affiliated with Spencer Council), and the Spencer organization of the Foresters of America.

Adding other business and public affiliations to those already enumerated, Mr. Heffernan served as town treasurer and town moderator. He is also vice-president and a member of the investment committee of the Spencer Savings Bank. His religious affiliation is with the Holy Rosary Church. He is a member, too, of the Worcester Country Club and the Hillcrest Country Club. Into all his activities and undertakings, he continuously puts his finest energies and his fullest measure of enthusiasm, with the result that he has come to be esteemed, respected and honored by his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Heffernan married, in Natick, Massachusetts, on October 12, 1897, Margaret T. Sweeney, daughter of Michael and Bridget Sweeney. By this marriage there were born two children: 1. Ray W., born November 20, 1898. 2. Neil T., born February 25, 1900.

CHARLES N. PROUTY—In the realm of industry, Charles N. Prouty is engaged in a business said to be unique in New England—the manufacture of baker's yeast, with a plant in West Brookfield. He is himself a resident of Spencer, where he is chairman of the school board and otherwise is interested in town affairs.

His father, Charles N. (1) Prouty, a representative of the prominent Spencer family of this name, was a shoe manufacturer in that town. He had also served as a member of the Massachusetts Senate. He married Jennie Richardson.

Charles N. (2) Prouty, son of Charles N. (1) and Jennie (Richardson) Prouty, was born in Spencer, May 27, 1877, and after passing through the public schools, entered Exeter Academy, where he prepared for college, graduating in 1896. He took an academic course at Harvard College, where he was graduated in the class of 1900. On leaving college, he went to Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, and was connected with the railroad business there for four years. He next returned to Spencer, where he was associated with the shoe manufacturing industry until 1930, in which year he went to West Brookfield and united with Elmer R. Varnum in the manufacture of baker's yeast. In this business they have met with gratifying success.

In the affairs of Spencer he has attained prominence in various lines. In addition to having held the chairmanship of the school board for twelve years, he served on the town finance committee for a number of years, and is a director of the Spencer National Bank. He is affiliated with Spencer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Harvard Club of Boston.

Mr. Prouty married (first), in 1906 Ethel M. Wight, and by this marriage there is a son, Charles N., 3d, born in 1907, who was graduated from Exeter Academy in 1927 and from Harvard University, Bachelor of Arts, in 1931. He is associated with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Prouty died in 1908. Mr. Prouty married (second), March 7, 1914, Claire Rockwood Kane, of Spencer, and by this marriage there are five children: David, Lothrop, Richardson, Martha and Marion. Mrs. Prouty is a leader in women's activities, music director of the John Nelson Memorial Church at Leicester, a member of the Monday Club, and captain of the local troop of Girl Scouts.

ALEXANDER McNEISH, M. D.—After thirty-one years of continuous practice of the medical profession, Dr. Alexander McNeish, of Leicester, retired to a period of well-earned leisure, retaining the good-will and well wishes of his former patients. He is interested in the civic affairs of the community, being chairman of the Leicester Board of Health.

Born in Dalhousie, Province of New Brunswick, Canada, December 1, 1869, Dr. McNeish is the son of William and Jane (Miller) McNeish, natives

of Canada, the former a farmer. Passing through the grade school and graduating from the high school of Dalhousie, his boyhood days were spent on the home farm. In 1893 he came to Boston and entered Tufts College Medical School. Here he completed his professional training and was graduated with his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1897. In the same year he arrived in Leicester, established himself in his own office and began practice. To his patients in this town and the countryside he gave of his expert counsel and treatment of their respective cases with unfailing devotion until 1929, which was the year when he withdrew from active practice. His old patients were loath to see him retire, but it seemed best that he should conserve his strength by removing himself from the exacting responsibilities of a physician. He maintains a winter home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Thirty years ago Dr. McNeish was first elected chairman of the Leicester Board of Health, and this post he has since filled without interruption. He has performed a fine work in coöperation with his colleagues in enforcing the health standards and policies of the board. He is a trustee of the Leicester Savings Bank and a former clerk of the board. His professional alliances are with the Brookfield Medical Club, Massachusetts State Medical Society and American Medical Association. He is affiliated with Spencer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and has his religious fellowship with the First Congregational Church of Leicester, of which body he is a deacon. His favorite recreation is contract bridge.

Dr. McNeish married (first), June 19, 1900, Laura Haynes Stone, of Leicester, who died in 1917. By this marriage there is a daughter, Marion, a graduate of Wellesley College and the Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School. He married (second), May 10, 1919, Esther O. White, a native of St. John, New Brunswick.

MORTIMER J. HOWARD—The president of the North Brookfield Savings Bank and merchant, Mortimer J. Howard was born at North Brookfield, July 2, 1876, son of Eugene and Katherine (Howard) Howard. After completing his education in the local high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895, he became associated with his father in a grocery business, which the latter had established in 1874. This establishment has been continued for sixty years, a record for the community and one seldom equalled in other places.

Mr. Howard has not confined his activities to merchandising. He has served as a selectman of North Brookfield for a period of fourteen years; during nearly half of this time he was chairman of the board. He was one of the organizers of the North Brookfield National Bank, of which he has been continuously a director. He was elected president of the North Brookfield Savings Bank in December, 1927, and has served since that time in this office; he is also a trustee of the institution.

On August 2, 1910, Mortimer J. Howard married Jeannette Griffin, and they are the parents of a son, Mortimer, now a student in the North Brookfield High School.

FRANKLIN L. BISHOP, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine more than thirty years, a veteran of the World War with the rank of major, and prominent in American Legion and public affairs of Leicester, Dr. Franklin L. Bishop is highly esteemed in his profession and by the community he so capably serves.

Dr. Bishop's parents were James L. and Emily S. (Rooks) Bishop, the latter a native of Maine. The father, born in Nova Scotia, was a ship joiner and followed his trade in Boston. For some time in his old age he lived with his son in Leicester, where he died in 1923, aged ninety-six years.

Born in Boston, May 12, 1876, Dr. Franklin L. Bishop received his early education in the public schools of that city. He took his pre-medical course at the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated from the university's medical department with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1901. For eighteen months he served an interneship in the Chester (Pennsylvania) Hospital. He then returned to Boston and entered practice, remaining in his native city until 1917. In May of the latter year he enlisted for the World War and was assigned to the medical department of the army. Receiving the commission of a first lieutenant, he was promoted to captain and finally to major, which rank he held when honorably mustered out of the service in August, 1919, having been for all his period of enlistment stationed at Camp Devens, Massachusetts. In 1919 he removed from Boston and opened an office in Leicester, where he has built up a large and select following. For two terms he was a member of the Leicester School Committee and at present is the school physician. He is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, Worcester County Medical Society, and the Physicians and Examiners Society. Among his affiliations are William J. Cooney Post, No. 121, American Legion, of which he is a Past Commander and at present the finance officer, being also a member of the rehabilitation committee; Spencer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and Zenith Lodge, No. 42, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Boston, in which he is a Past Noble Grand and Past Chief Patriarch. He is a member of the Army and Navy Club of Boston.

Dr. Bishop married, June 7, 1904, Helen A. Lukens, of Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania. They have a daughter, Helen Frances, born April 7, 1905, who married Raymond P. Dorr and has four children. Mrs. Bishop is Past National President of the American Legion Auxiliary and president of the Leicester Red Cross unit.

JAMES J. WARREN—Among poultry breeders the name of James J. Warren, of North Brookfield, stands for the finest and best of the Rhode Island Red breed. On his farm it is not unusual for him to raise 20,000 chickens in the summer and to carry through the winter 7,000 mature stock. To his credit are many records for birds of remarkable egg production. Mr. Warren purchased his present poultry farm in 1923, it having been used previously as a dairy farm. During the decade that followed there has been a great alteration of old buildings and the erection of new ones to fit the place for its new use. Electric incubators of 50,000 egg capacity have been installed, and during the spring season of 1933 about 75,000 chicks

James A. Buell

were hatched, most of these going out as day-old chicks to customers all over the United States.

Mr. Warren is a native of Batavia, New York, born October 2, 1892, and was brought by his parents to North Brookfield in the first year of the present century. He attended the local schools and was graduated from North Brookfield High School with the class of 1913. In 1917 he was graduated from the Massachusetts State College and shortly after enlisted in the United States Army as a member of the Signal Corps, serving from September, 1917, to 1919. After training at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, he was sent overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces and participated in the St. Mihiel and Argonne campaigns. Upon his return to America and civilian life, Mr. Warren was connected with Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, as a specialist in poultry extension work. During his four years of service he traversed all the counties of Iowa and became thoroughly familiar with all phases of the poultry industry, a knowledge and practice which he has put to good use on his North Brookfield plant. Mr. Warren is president of the Worcester County Poultry Association and a member of the Certified Poultry Breeders Association, of which he is vice-president. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

On September 20, 1928, James J. Warren married Mary J. Savage, a native of Worcester and they were the parents of three sons: James J., Jr.; William H., and George T. Mrs. Warren died on February 11, 1933.

CLIFFORD J. HUYCK, M. D.—For more than twenty-five years, Dr. Clifford J. Huyck has been engaged in the practice of medicine at West Brookfield. He is well liked in the community for his professional ability and social and civic qualities.

Born in Exeter, New York, December 25, 1873, Dr. Clifford J. Huyck is the son of Robert and Margaret (Warner) Huyck, the former a farmer. After passing through the public schools of Exeter, including a high school course, he entered Cleveland (Ohio) University to prepare for his profession. He took both medical and surgical work and was graduated with his degree in the class of 1896.

Dr. Huyck's first professional assignment was as assistant physician at the Westborough (Massachusetts) State Hospital for the Insane, where he was situated for several years. In 1907 he opened an office in West Brookfield for practice in his own name and since has become well and favorably established among a large and desirable following. When the United States entered the World War, he was given a captain's commission and assigned as a neuro-psychiatrist for general hospital work in the army camps. He is a member of the staff of Mary Lane Hospital in Ware. His professional organizations include the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, American Medical Association, Massachusetts State Medical Society, and Brookfield Medical Club. He is affiliated with the American Legion and the Masonic Fraternity.

Dr. Huyck married, November 10, 1898, Eleanora Pangburn, of Palmyra, New York, and their children are: Freda E. and Margaret L.

JAMES ARTHUR BUELL—To the business and professional life of the city and county of Worcester, James Arthur Buell has freely contributed, particularly in his position as chief engineer of the Morgan Construction Company, of this place.

Mr. Buell was born at Webster City, Iowa, on July 20, 1883, son of Chalker Emmons and Eliza Ann (Sparks) Buell, who were natives of Illinois. The Sparks family came originally from England to America, several members of the line having come to this Continent in their youth and making their home in Illinois. The Buells also came from England, landing at Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1630. They were with a colony of religious enthusiasts, who established the town of Windsor, Connecticut. The descendants of the founder removed to Killingworth, Connecticut, thence to Newport, New Hampshire, to New York State, and finally to Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Dubuque, Iowa. The father of the man whose name heads this review, Chalker Emmons Buell, settled in Webster City, Iowa. The Buells were all landowners for generations.

James A. Buell, of the tenth generation in America and the ninth to be born here, early attended the public and high schools of Webster City, Iowa. Later he went to Iowa State College, where he was graduated in 1905 with the degree of Civil Engineer. Removing thence to Joliet, Illinois, he joined forces with the Illinois Steel Company, continuing his work with them for two years and then going to Canton, Ohio. For fifteen years he was chief engineer and general superintendent and manager of the United Alloy Steel Corporation, in Canton. In 1922 he went to Buffalo, New York, associating himself there with the Donner Steel Corporation, of which he was made general superintendent. So remaining until March, 1926, he then came to Worcester, Massachusetts, as assistant chief engineer, a post that he held for two years. At the end of that period, he was made chief engineer, with the Morgan Construction Company, and so continues today.

In addition to this work, Mr. Buell is active in a number of organizations. He belongs to the American Iron and Steel Institute. In the Free and Accepted Masons, he holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and is affiliated with both the Knights Templar and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Buell also holds memberships in the Worcester Club and the Worcester Country Club. While the World War was being waged, he took an active interest in war work, having had charge of about 6,000 men who were making war materials with the United Alloy Steel Corporation. Each of the groups with which he has associated himself has benefited from his constructive labors and his application of intelligence and energy to their problems and programs.

James Arthur Buell, on April 3, 1907, married Harriet Sladden Nelson, of Chicago, Illinois. By this marriage there has been one child, Samuel Nelson Buell, who was born on March 4, 1912.

CHARLES BENSON CHICKERING—Financial endeavor and political office are the mediums by which Charles Benson Chickering, of Lancaster, has come into prominence. He holds the position of assistant treasurer of the Clinton Savings Bank and that of selectman of his native town of Lancaster. In each of these offices he has

advanced far in the good-will of those whom he serves.

Born in Lancaster, August 28, 1878, Mr. Chickering is the son of Charles A. and Jeanette (Gordon) Chickering, both now deceased. His parents were natives of New Hampshire and about 1865 came to Lancaster to reside, the father for many years having been an old-time traveling salesman for wholesale grocery houses. The education of the son, Charles Benson, was received in the public schools of Lancaster. At the age of eighteen he went to work for the New Haven Railroad Company, where he was employed for fifteen years, latterly as an accountant. His next connection was with the Clinton Wire Cloth Company's accounting department, where he was situated for seven years. His banking experience began in 1919, when he accepted the position of cashier at the Clinton First National Bank. When this institution was changed to the Clinton Trust Company, he was made treasurer of the reorganized bank, continuing in this capacity until 1927, when he went to the Clinton Savings Bank as assistant treasurer, through which office he is an important factor in the sustained success of this fine, old institution.

The public service in which Mr. Chickering has distinguished himself in Lancaster had its inception with his acceptance of the office of member of the board of road commissioners. For six years he worked with his colleagues for the improvement of the community's highways. In 1928 he was appointed a member of the board of selectmen, and so satisfactory was his service to the electors that they chose him in 1931 for the full term of three years.

Mr. Chickering married, October 5, 1904, Harriet Palmer Tufts, of Lancaster, daughter of Charles F. and Ida A. (Hawkins) Tufts, both now deceased, the father a native of Somerville and the mother of Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Chickering have a daughter, Jeanette Gordon Chickering, born July 31, 1906, a graduate of the Madeira School at Washington, District of Columbia.

REV. JAMES A. DUNPHY—Wide experience in the spiritual oversight of souls in parishes entrusted to his care was gained by Rev. James A. Dunphy prior to his arrival as pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at Brookfield. Here he continues to upbuild the spiritual and physical values of the parish and to enlarge the scope of the church.

Born in Haydenville, Massachusetts, August 6, 1876, he is the son of John and Mary (Cody) Dunphy. His parents were natives of Ireland, came to this country in their youth and were married here. Their son, James A., attended the public schools of Haydenville and completed his academic course at St. Charles' College, Ellicott City, Maryland, graduating in the class of 1896 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1900 he went to Paris, France, and spent a year in theological studies at St. Sulpice Seminary. Thence he went to Rome and pursued three years of additional theological study at the American College, and he was ordained to the priesthood there, June 6, 1903.

On his return to America, Rev. James A. Dunphy was assigned to the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey, and was at St. Cecelia's Church, Kearney, New Jersey, until 1911, in which year he returned to the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts. He served in succession appointments at St. Peter's in Worcester, Holy Trinity in Greenfield, St. Mary's in Milford, and St. Paul's at Blackstone. On January 28, 1925, he was appointed pastor of St. Francis' Church, Belchertown. He was assigned as pastor of St. Mary's at Brookfield, July 25, 1928, and has since been resident in this community. In addition to his main pastoral duties in Brookfield, he has charge of a mission, St. John's Church in East Brookfield, and another mission, the Church of the Sacred Heart at West Brookfield. Reports concerning all these works indicate that they are thriving promisingly under his direction.

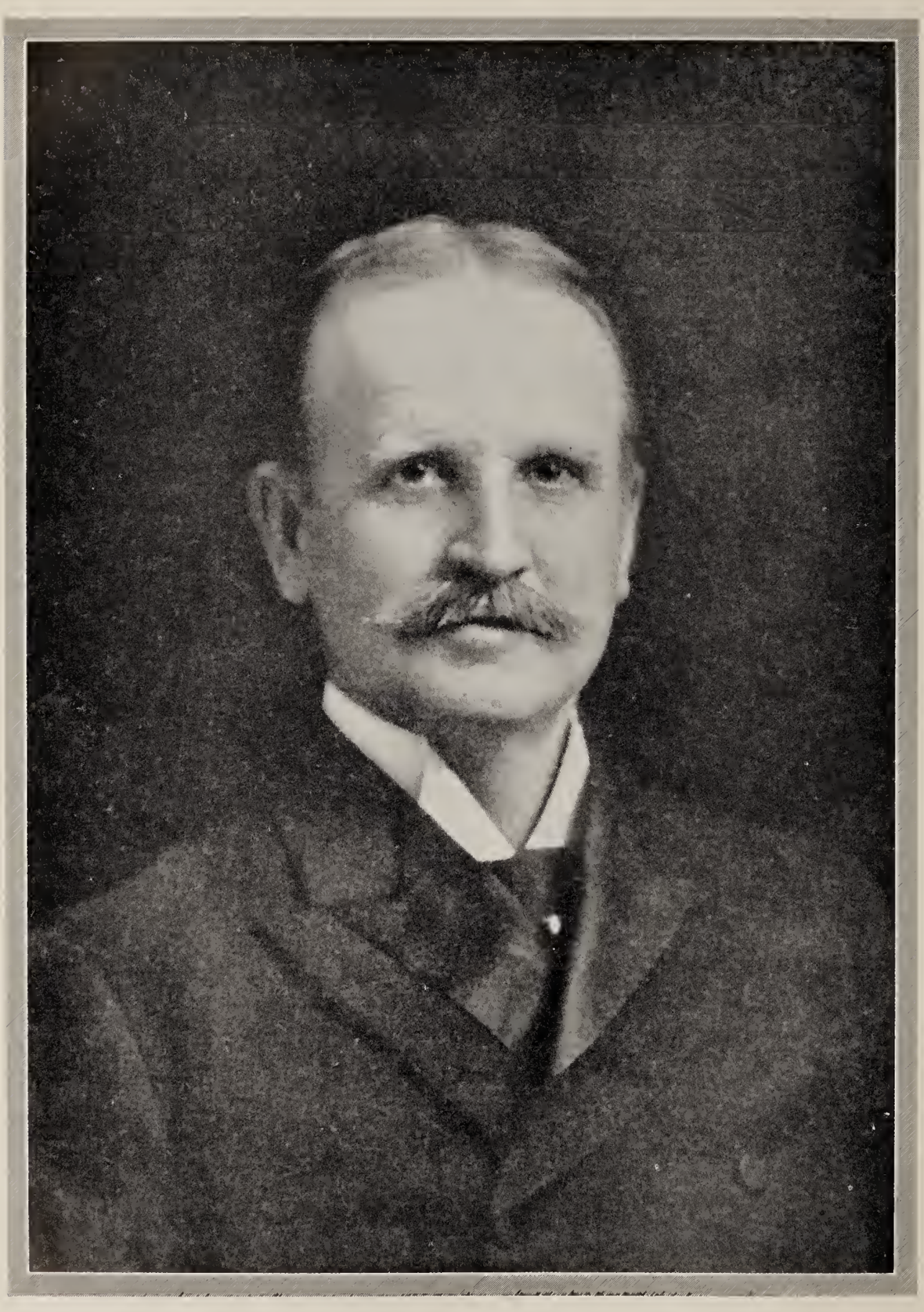
WILLIAM COLET JOHNSON—William Colet Johnson is the vice-president and actuary of the Massachusetts Protective Association of Worcester and also is identified with the Massachusetts Protective Life Assurance Company and the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company, all of Worcester.

He was born at Sag Harbor, Long Island, New York, January 28, 1876, a son of Peter Roosevelt Johnson, M. D. and Mary Chamberlain (Hunt) Johnson. After completing his education, so far as the schools were concerned, Mr. Johnson was employed variously before he became interested in the insurance business. From 1901 to 1911 he was manager at New York of the Phoenix Life Insurance Company, resigning to become the vice-president and general manager of the Columbian National Life Insurance Company of Boston, continuing as such from 1911 to 1916. In the latter year he was made inspector of agencies of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, serving as such for two years, then coming to Worcester in 1918, to accept the position of vice-president and actuary of the Massachusetts Protective Association of that city, as which he has continued up to the present. Mr. Johnson is a director of the Massachusetts Protective Life Assurance Company and of the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company, both of Worcester. He is also a director, secretary and treasurer of Johnson Estate, Inc., of New York.

In the so-called Hughes investigation of insurance in New York State in 1905, William Colet Johnson represented the various underwriters' associations of the United States in the hearings, and he participated in the preparation of the reform insurance laws thereafter adopted. Mr. Johnson also introduced the use of the non-medical plan in the United States in connection with life insurance. This he did through the Massachusetts Protective Life Assurance Company of Worcester. He also introduced the non-cancellable health insurance into general use in this country, also through the Massachusetts Protective Association. Mr. Johnson is a contributor to many of the technical periodicals and is a much sought lecturer on economic and insurance subjects.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Worcester and the Worcester Country clubs, also of the Brae Burn Country and the Algonquin clubs of Boston, and the Knickerbocker Whist Club of New York City.

On October 12, 1898, Mr. Johnson married Erma Mecklem, of East Orange, New Jersey, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Winifred



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Channing Chrisman, of Worcester. 2. Stephen Roosevelt Johnson, of Worcester. 3. Erma Fisk, of Buffalo, New York. 4. William Colet Johnson, Jr., of Los Angeles, California.

FLORENCE A. EAMES—Those who have occasion to visit the office of the board of assessors in Worcester City Hall may have the privilege of meeting Miss Florence A. Eames, chief clerk of the board. This meeting is likely to impress the visitor with the fact that the chief clerk is both a pleasant person to interview and an official who is very much at home in her position. Having occupied her place for more than a dozen years, the department and the public have the benefit of her broad experience.

Miss Eames was born in Keene, New Hampshire, the daughter of Benjamin W. and Ellen M. (Whitney) Eames. She was three months old when she accompanied her parents to Worcester, where her father was identified with the shoe manufacturing business until he retired in the latter part of his life. She received her education in the public schools of Worcester and at Becker's Business College. It was in 1921 that she took the examination for the position of chief clerk, and she has since been the principal official in this department, having given complete satisfaction with her work. She is a member of the Woman's Club and the Piedmont Church Club. Her residence is the old Eames homestead at No. 41 Tirrell Street, Worcester.

JOHN HAPGOOD BROOKS, JR.—After a colorful experience which took him to various parts of the United States, John Hapgood Brooks, Jr., returned to the town in which he had been born, Worcester, and eventually became identified with municipal affairs. He is the well-known commissioner of the sewer department of the municipality. The son of John H. and Ella D. (Ball) Brooks, members of families long associated with the annals of Worcester County, he was born February 11, 1878. His father is a retired farmer who now resides in the old homestead, in which his son was born.

After acquiring an education in the public schools —he is a graduate of Worcester High School— John Hapgood Brooks, Jr., entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute from which he was graduated with his degree in Civil Engineering. He at once entered the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad System, with which he remained for two and a half years. Resigning, he was connected with the engineering department of the Alaska Central Railway and also spent seven and a half years in California with the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company. His first job after leaving college was as a section hand, from which he gradually worked his way up to the position of roadmaster and construction engineer. One of the pieces of work, with which he played an important rôle, was the construction of one hundred and seven miles of trackage through canyons and on mountain sides. It was a wild, hard life which tested his mettle and abilities. One of his closest friends and associates was Colonel B. O. Johnson, a former classmate, now deceased, who became prominent in railroad work and military affairs.

In 1917 Mr. Brooks came to Worcester and went with the Norton Company. Almost immediately he enlisted in the United States Army for service during the World War. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and assigned to the 70th Engineers, a railway unit. Like many another of his day, he was kept in this country performing tasks probably harder, and certainly less interesting, than those given to the men sent overseas. After the war Lieutenant Brooks received the rank of captain of the 413th Auxiliary Engineers' Battalion. Upon his return to civilian life he went again with the Norton Company, remaining with this firm until 1921. In that year he became associated with the engineer's department of Worcester City, later was transferred to the sewer department, and was engineer on the construction of the municipal sewage disposal works. In April, 1929, Mr. Brooks was elevated to the position of commissioner of the sewer department, a post which he has held efficiently and well since that time. He has charge of the whole sewer system of Worcester.

The press of his work, no matter what it was or where done, never has prevented Mr. Brooks from taking a lively interest in civic, social and fraternal affairs. He is a Past Commander of the Worcester Chapter of the Military Order of the World War and is president of the Society of Civil Engineers. He is also a member of the American Legion, president of the Worcester Reserve Officers' Association and president of the Worcester Light Infantry Veterans' Association. Fraternally Mr. Brooks is affiliated with Westgate Lodge, No. 128, Free and Accepted Masons, Seattle, Washington; Past High Priest of Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; California Consistory, No. 5, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, San Francisco: and Islam Temple, San Francisco, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On July 14, 1903, Mr. Brooks married Mary E. Jewett, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: 1. John Hapgood Brooks, III, in 1932, a graduate student at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. 2. Marion Emily, a student at Massachusetts State College. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks reside at No. 7, Chester Street, Worcester.

EDWARD F. FLETCHER—The family of Fletcher, of which Edward F. Fletcher, former mayor of Worcester and retired manufacturer, is a member, had its origin in England. Representatives of the family came to America, some settling in Westford and others in Lowell, Massachusetts. Calvin Fletcher, a more immediate relative of the former mayor, was a selectman of Groton, Massachusetts. Rufus B. Reed Fletcher, a native of this State, was engaged in the nursery business for many years. He married Sarah M. Whitney, who was Massachusetts born, and they were the parents of Edward F.

Born in Littleton, Massachusetts, June 17, 1854, Edward F. Fletcher received his education in the public schools and at Lawrence Academy in Groton. On leaving school he became associated with his father in the nursery business and so continued for several years. He next opened a retail shoe store in Ayer, Massachusetts, and, while doing business at that stand, his fertile mind worked out a device on which he obtained a patent on the cut of the shoe—with no rip—for misses and children, and the design became very popular. Having transferred his interests to Worcester, he formed a partnership with Gilbert C. Bemis for the manufacture of his patented shoe. The firm gave employ-

ment to about two hundred persons, and after Mr. Fletcher had been active in the firm for about twelve years, the partnership, as a formal arrangement, was dissolved and he became a special partner in the business.

He then started a jobbing house, selling a full line of shoes for women, misses, men and boys. P. E. Bassett was received as a partner, and later George F. Leavitt, a former salesman, became one of the owners. The business was styled the Lincoln Shoe Company. In 1903 Mr. Fletcher disposed of his interest and was elected a director of the Hough Porch Shade Company, at Jaynesville, Wisconsin, in which concern he is still a heavy stockholder. He later proposed the manufacture of a new type of shade and formed the Raymond Porch Company, named for his son Raymond. He continues as president of this company.

In 1902 he was elected mayor of Worcester and served two terms, at the end of which time his attention was directed to Jaynesville, Wisconsin, where he centered his manufacturing interests. He also served as a member of the Shrewsbury city government for a number of years. His civic activities in Worcester and the county have been of great value. He was the founder of the Consumptives Home Association in the city and served as its first president. In 1916 he purchased his residence in Shrewsbury, his home being situated in a parked tract of eighteen acres, beautified with flowers and ornamental trees and shrubs. It is one of the showplaces of the countryside. Here he spends six months of the year, the other six months at his winter home at Lake Helen, Florida, where he owns considerable property. He is president of the Lake Helen Chamber of Commerce, president of the Tourist Club, and treasurer and a trustee of the Congregational Church. In his seventy-ninth year (1933) he is quite active for one of his age and drives his own car to Florida and back each year. He has traveled in every State of the Union. Among his affiliations are the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has risen to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and the Economic Club.

Mr. Fletcher married, in 1902, Florence B. Bassett, and they have had two sons, both now deceased, Raymond and Earle.

WALTER E. HUBBARD—For almost half a century, Walter Erastus Hubbard has been engaged in newspaper work in the New England states. He is now owner, editor and publisher of the "Gardner Daily News," at Gardner, and president and treasurer of the Gardner News, Inc.

Mr. Hubbard was born at Guilford, Vermont, on June 6, 1869, a son of John E. and Mary L. (Smith) Hubbard and eighth in the direct line of descent from George Hubbard, who came from the south of England to Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1633. Subsequently he was a pioneer settler at Wethersfield and Guilford, Connecticut.

Walter E. Hubbard was educated in Vermont schools. After his graduation from Brattleboro High School, he entered the office of the "Vermont Phoenix," a weekly newspaper published at Brattleboro. This was in 1885. For three months he served as printer's devil, the usual preliminary to a newspaper career in those days, but he soon began reportorial work and in 1888 became associate editor of the paper. In 1895 he became editor, filling that position until 1918. From 1910 to 1913 he was also president of the Vermont Phoenix Company. For several years he was correspondent to the "Springfield Union." He served as district representative for the "Boston Herald" and was feature writer for that paper, for the "New York Herald" and for the "New York World." On March 1, 1913, he organized the Brattleboro, Vermont, Publishing Company and was president of this company and editor of the "Brattleboro Daily Reformer" until 1918.

In that year Mr. Hubbard sold his interest in the company in order to be free to volunteer in the World War. He was accepted as field secretary by the Young Men's Christian Association for service in France and received overseas orders four days before the Armistice was signed. After the war he became director of publicity for the Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Massachusetts, and Community Service, Boston, in 1919. From 1919 to 1921 he was president of the Beverly, Massachusetts, Times Corporation and editor and publisher of the "Beverly Daily Times." In acquiring the "Gardner Daily News" at Gardner, he became owner and editor of a paper founded in 1869 and since continued under several publishers. It has been a daily since 1896.

Apart from his newspaper connections, Mr. Hubbard has had other interests and has filled various positions of responsibility in public life. At the age of twenty-three he was elected high bailiff of Windham County, Vermont. For several years he was secretary to the Republican conventions held in his State, congressional district and county, and was county leader of his party in the State conventions. In 1915 he was appointed State Library commissioner of Vermont by Governor Gates and in 1917 was appointed State Senator by Governor Graham to fill a vacancy. Mr. Hubbard served two years each as Chamber of Commerce director in Brattleboro, Vermont, Beverly, Massachusetts and Gardner, Massachusetts. He is a trustee of the Gardner Savings Bank, a director of the Gardner Airport Corporation and is senior past president of the Gardner Rotary Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a Past Master of his Blue Lodge, Past Prelate of two Commanderies of the Knights Templar, a member of all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory and a member of the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and has delivered memorial and other addresses in several lodges of that order. Mr. Hubbard is fond of outdoor life and sports. He captained his high school baseball team, played on town and semi-professional teams and for many years participated in this and other branches of athletics. He won numerous prizes as a racer on the old high-wheeled bicycle and in later years in golf and bowling.

Walter E. Hubbard married (first) Linna Aileen Thwing of Putney, Vermont, known in many New England cities as a singer in concert, oratorio and opera. She died in 1915. In 1921, at Greenfield, Massachusetts, he married (second) Germaine Alice Labrosse, a nurse, of Montreal. There is one child of the first marriage, Dorothy Linna, now the wife of W. F. Gordon Bell of South Nor-

walk, Connecticut, and the mother of two sons. Mrs. Bell is a graduate of the Connecticut College for Women, where she took the Bachelor of Science degree, of Miller Business Institute, New York City, and of the Presbyterian Hospital Training School for Nurses, New York.

PHILIP M. MORGAN—Treasurer of the Morgan Construction Company of Worcester and an active figure in the city's life, Philip M. Morgan has been associated with this company for more than ten years, playing a major part in the direction of its work. He was born in Worcester, on April 13, 1896, a son of Paul B. and Lessie L. (Maynard) Morgan. He received his early education in private schools and at Worcester Academy, from which he was graduated in 1914. In the fall of the same year, he entered Harvard as a member of the class of 1918, but on July 2, 1917, he left college to serve in the army during the World War. He was a member of the 1st Field Artillery, Massachusetts National Guard, later the 101st Field Artillery, United States Army, and went to France with the famous 26th or Yankee Division. With these troops he saw active service on the battlefields of the war, continuing at the front until he sustained severe burns during a mustard gas attack on July 16, 1918. From that time until March, 1919, he was confined to a base hospital for treatment.

On April 9, 1919, Mr. Morgan received his discharge at Camp Devens and shortly afterwards returned to Harvard to complete the requirements for his degree. In February, 1920, he became associated with the Morgan Construction Company in their purchasing department, remaining until October, 1920, when he entered the employ of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company as assistant metallurgist. In February, 1921, he became a salesman for Marble and Nye at Boston and continued in that capacity for one year. In February, 1922, he returned to Worcester, rejoining the Morgan Construction Company, with which he has since been associated. In 1923 he became assistant treasurer of the company and in 1927 was elected treasurer. Mr. Morgan in also president of the Fowler Oil Burner Company, a director of the Mechanics National Bank and a trustee of the Peoples Savings Bank. He is recognized as one of the ablest of the younger business men of this city, and is known in business circles throughout a wide area. In addition to his private business interests, he serves as a member of the executive committee of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts and as vice-president of the Machinery Builders Society of New York City.

Mr. Morgan has also been active in civic and social life at Worcester. He is vice-president and a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and president of the board of trustees of Bancroft School; a member of the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the University Club the Players Club and the Harvard Club of Worcester. Of the latter two clubs he is a past president. Mr. Morgan is affiliated with the American Legion and is a member of the Y. D. Club of Boston. Golf and tennis are his favorite recreations.

On April 22, 1920, Philip M. Morgan married Marjorie B. Shepard of New York City, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Paul Shepard, born November 17, 1923. 2. Peter Shepard, born November 24, 1924. The residence of the family at Worcester is situated at No. 9 Burgess Road.

ARTHUR GORDON CHICKERING—In the public service of the town of Lancaster for more than a score of years, Arthur Gordon Chickering administers the offices of treasurer and tax collector of this municipality.

Born in Lancaster, August 22, 1875, Mr. Chickering is a son of Charles A. and Jeannette (Gordon) Chickering, both now deceased. He was educated in the town's public schools, including a full course and graduation at the Lancaster High School. After graduation he entered the employ of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, where he was telegraph operator and "spare" agent. Abandoning railroading, he engaged in the real estate brokerage business in Boston and Lancaster for several years. For some time he conducted a wood and timber business, cutting poles and railroad ties.

He came into public office in 1913, which was the year in which he was elected town treasurer. The office also makes the incumbent the town tax collector, and both of these capacities he has filled efficiently and with high integrity for twenty-one years. He is also treasurer of the Lancaster Cemetery Committee and secretary of the Lancaster Library Board of trustees. He is a trustee of the Clinton Savings Bank. Gifted with an excellent voice, he has had a career as a professional singer and for a number of years sang in concert organizations and churches. He has also been active socially in the community. During the World War period he served as captain of the Lancaster Home Guard. He is affiliated with Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Lancaster Society. He is a member of the Unitarian Church and finds his recreation in hunting, fishing and all outdoor sports.

Mr. Chickering married, June 22, 1915, Sarah Coit Treadway, of Lancaster, daughter of Dr. William B. and Marianna (West) Treadway. Mr. and Mrs. Chickering have a daughter, Emily Gordon, born November 3, 1918.

FRANCIS T. MULLIN—After extensive and careful preparation for the practice of his profession, Francis T. Mullin located in Worcester and has become one of the well-known lawyers of the city. He, like his parents, is a native of Rochdale, Massachusetts, born there October 26, 1896, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Riley) Mullin. His father was for some years a textile superintendent.

After attending the local schools, Francis T. Mullin was graduated from Leicester Academy, in 1914, and entered Holy Cross College, from which he received his Bachelor's degree in Arts in 1918 and for further studies was awarded the Master's degree in Arts two years later. Matriculating at the Law College of Boston University, he was duly graduated from this institution in 1924 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and that same year was admitted to the Worcester County bar and began the practice of his profession in Worcester City.

Mr. Mullin had a varied experience in connection with his training for the law, and later. He was an instructor in chemistry in Holy Cross

College for three years and his flair for leadership in public affairs has made him prominent in the activities of the local Democratic organizations. For a year he was a member of the Leicester Democratic Town Committee and he has served on the school committee of Leicester for six years; he is also one of the trustees of the Leicester Library. For three years Mr. Mullin was town counsel for Leicester. Numbered among his affiliations and clubs are the Worcester Bar Association, the Holy Cross Alumni Association, the Knights of Columbus, and the University and Wachusett Country clubs. His chief recreation is golf. Mr. Mullin resides in Rochdale.

FRANK A. NICHOLS—As treasurer of the F. A. Nichols Chair Company, Inc., in Gardner, Frank A. Nichols continues his connection with an industry to which he has given his entire active career. He is a well-known figure in the life of this city.

Mr. Nichols was born at Westminster, Massachusetts, on April 25, 1867, a son of Francis and Sophia (Bemis) Nichols, both now deceased. His father, a farmer and lumberman, was also a veteran of the Civil War, serving with the 15th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, for three years. With these troops he participated in many of the principal engagements and battles of the war.

Frank A. Nichols received his education in the public schools of Westminster and following completion of his high school course learned the chair manufacturing business. In one position or another he has been associated with the industry ever since, finally establishing his own enterprise at Gardner. This company has a well-founded reputation in its field and has benefited through Mr. Nichols' long experience and comprehensive knowledge of the industry. His life furnishes another example of the career of the self-made man, for he started work as a boy and earned his own way, even while he was still in school.

Apart from his business Mr. Nichols is active in other phases of Gardner life, particularly in fraternal circles. He is affiliated with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of the Council, Royal and Select Masters; the Commandery, Knights Templar; and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Sons of Veterans.

On October 21, 1890, at Provincetown, Massachusetts, Frank A. Nichols married Carrie L. Nickerson, daughter of Lemuel and Cinderella (Kilburn) Nickerson. Her father and mother, both now deceased, lived to the fine old age of eighty-five and ninety-two years respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols became the parents of two children: 1. Gladys, who married Truman Martin and has four children: Dewey, Robert, Duane and Roger. 2. Lois, wife of Vaughn Arnold of Gardner. They became the parents of four children: Lois Lee, Jack, Peter and James, deceased.

ROMEO E. ALLEN—The family of Allen to which Romeo E. Allen of Shrewsbury belongs is of English origin. The first of the name to come to America was Walter Allen, who landed at Plymouth. Later generations carried the family further into Massachusetts, some settling in Cambridge, others in Watertown. Elnathan Allen was the first to establish a homestead in Shrewsbury; this was in 1725, two years before the town was incorporated. Eight generations of the family have since made their home on this same farm. Elnathan's son was Israel, who succeeded to the ownership of the farm. Israel's son, Elnathan, was one of the Minute Men who fought at the battle of Bunker Hill under Captain Ross Wyman at the beginning of the Revolution. His son was Liberty, born in 1776, just as the Declaration of Independence was signed, and consequently named for the watchword of the new nation. Henry E. W. Allen, son of Liberty Allen, was born on the old Allen homestead in Shrewsbury, and married Cynthia B. Whitney, a native of Vermont. They were the parents of Romeo E. Allen, of this review.

Romeo E. Allen was born on the ancestral farm in Shrewsbury on October 17, 1852, and all his life had made his home there. After the completion of his formal education in the public schools, he took up the study of engineering in 1872 under the preceptorship of Charles A. Allen, a noted engineer, who then held the office of city engineer of Worcester. From 1872 to 1875, he served a thorough apprenticeship in his chosen profession and at the end of that time returned to Shrewsbury, where he opened his own offices. Mr. Allen has since been largely connected with the development and growth of this community. Until the time of his retirement, his services were retained in many important engineering projects which he carried to a successful conclusion. Enjoying the highest professional standing, he gave his best efforts to the tasks entrusted to him and in the course of his active career achieved an enviable record of accomplishment.

Over a considerable period, Mr. Allen held the office of town surveyor at Shrewsbury, but in many other public positions, he has rendered effective service to his town and State. For a term of fourteen years, he was town auditor. He served for several years as a member of the board of selectmen and for a period of twenty-eight consecutive years without a break was town moderator. In 1895, he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature as representative of the Shrewsbury district and during his three years as a member of the House strongly impressed his colleagues and the people of the State at large. During that period, he was clerk of the House Committee on Roads and Bridges. It was natural that Mr. Allen's services should be sought in the public interest. His integrity, his thorough knowledge of conditions throughout the State and his soundness of judgment all inspired confidence and his long record as a public official completely justifies that confidence. Mr. Allen is now a member of the Town Finance Board at Shrewsbury and a director of the Grafton Coöperative Bank. He has been influential in local councils of the Republican party for many years and is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patrons of Husbandry (Grange). He has been a member of the Shrewsbury Congregational Church since early youth and for forty-two years has served as clerk of the parish. For a long period he was also treasurer of the church Sunday school.

On May 24, 1876, Romeo E. Allen married Abbie R. Green, of Shrewsbury. They became the parents of two children: 1. Charles Edward, born in

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1878, member of the school board for many years. He married Helen E. Harlow, daughter of Henry Harlow. They have two sons, Charles E., Jr., born February 11, 1906, a civil engineer, Northeastern University, Boston; and Stuart H., born December 28, 1910, a graduate of the State College at Amherst. Mr. Allen is now manager of the Allen farm in Shrewsbury. 2. Lee C. Allen, born at Shrewsbury, February 21, 1883, married Alice Carlson, daughter of John and Carolina L. (Swenson) Carlson. They have three children, Roger E., born in Shrewsbury, now in Amherst College; Carolyn B., born March 25, 1916, and Howard C., born December 21, 1919. Mr. Allen, who like his father is a civil engineer, received his professional training under A. W. Woods of Worcester. In 1907, he became associated in business with his father and was later admitted to partnership in the firm. He is now in active charge of its interests and holds a leading position among engineers of the county. He does all the engineering work for the town of Shrewsbury, was a member of the board of selectmen in 1922 and also in 1923-24; of the board of health in 1923-24; and a member of the board of assessors 1930 to date. Mr. Allen is a trustee of Shrewsbury Cemetery, 1915 to date, was a trustee of the Howe Memorial Library and the Jubal Howe Library Fund, and treasurer of the Shrewsbury Historical Society. He is also affiliated with the Patrons of Husbandry and is a member of the Congregational Church. He is a member of Athelstan Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Mathew John Whittal Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

RALPH K. BISSELL—As supervisor of collections and credits of the Worcester Electric Light Company, Ralph K. Bissell occupies a responsible position in one of the most important Worcester corporations. His entire career has been spent as a member of this organization.

Mr. Bissell was born at Worcester, April 9, 1893, a son of Charles W. and Florence R. (Potter) Bissell, both of whom were born in this State. His father is superintendent of the John C. McInnes Company, merchants of this city.

Ralph K. Bissell received his education in local public schools, completing the high school course in 1911. In the year of his graduation he entered the employ of the Worcester Electric Light Company, with which he has been connected for the past twenty-two years. He began as a meter reader, but was subsequently promoted to other positions and served successively as billing clerk and assistant office manager. On April 1, 1933, he was promoted to his present office as supervisor of collections and credits. Mr. Bissell's services to the company have been of a very satisfactory nature, and his steady advancement within the organization reflects his ability and devotion to his work. Aside from business, his other interests center in his home, but he is also fond of golf, which is his favorite recreation.

On September 14, 1916, Ralph K. Bissell married Dorothy E. Pennell, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: Joyce H. and C. Philip. The Worcester residence of the family is situated at No. 35 Chadwick Street.

WILLIAM A. ELANDER—Worcester is a cosmopolitan city and has men of many races in its industries, commerce and professions. William A. Elander, son of John W. and Selma C. (Christianson) Elander, was born at Collinsville, Connecticut, August 1, 1899. His parents were natives of Sweden, who early in their lives migrated to the United States and settled in Connecticut. William A., their son, was given the education of the public schools and by his own efforts was a student at Clark College. Matriculating later at the Northeastern University Law School, he was graduated in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. During that same year he was admitted to the Worcester County Bar and became associated with Thomas L. Nelson and the Nelson Title Company, with headquarters at the Court House in Worcester. He is a trustee of the company, and his career has been identified with the interests of this corporation.

Mr. Elander is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association, the Economic Club, and the American Legion. Fraternally he is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge, Worcester, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Among his recreations is mountain climbing, at which he is an adept.

On May 31, 1932, William A. Elander married Edith E. Grundstrom, of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Elander reside at No. 777 Pleasant Street, Worcester.

JOHN A. DAVIS—Active in business, agricultural and civic life, John A. Davis is a substantial contributor to the well-being of his Massachusetts community. He lives on a farm, one and one-half miles east of Sterling, the property on which he was born, and figures prominently in many varieties of activity in this vicinity.

Mr. Davis was born on July 5, 1877, son of Jonathan and Ellen (Smith) Davis, his father a native of Westford who lived for seventy years on this same farm in Sterling. He was widely known as a stock dealer and was a selectman, a member of the school committee, and assessor of taxes. The son, John A. Davis, has also figured in New England life as a cattle-raiser, conducting extensive dairy and stock-producing operations. The actual facts of his life might profitably be preceded with an account of the Davis farm itself, one of the old farms in New England, which was originally owned by E. Butterick and was the birthplace of the inventor of Butterick patterns. John A. Davis' grandfather, George Davis, came to Sterling from Westford, Massachusetts, about 1847, here taking a leading part in local affairs over a period of many years. His son, Jonathan Davis, was similarly active in Sterling affairs and was one of the founders of the firm now known as Wilder, Walker and Davis Company, of which John A. Davis is a member. Ellen (Smith) Davis, mother of the man whose name heads this review, was likewise a member of a prominent family of Massachusetts.

In the public schools John A. Davis received his early education, completing the high school course and then attending Cushing Academy, at Ashburnham, Massachusetts. He next returned to the home farm, which he has conducted successfully. Dealing in cattle, he also became a member of the

Wilder, Walker and Davis Company, referred to above, and a leading figure in the lumber industry in this part of the Bay State. He buys standing timber and converts it into lumber and cord wood, which the company distributes at wholesale. The company was founded by Frank L. Wilder, W. S. Walker and Jonathan Davis many years ago and has strongly influenced prosperity in Sterling and Worcester County.

Mr. Davis has been especially interested, however, in cattle raising. He has, in addition to his one hundred and twenty-five acre farm in Sterling, one hundred acres in Lancaster. On the two properties there are one hundred head of Holstein cattle, which he keeps both for dairy purposes and for trading. Mr. Davis has purchased another farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which formerly belonged to the Bolton Fruit Company, Bolton, Massachusetts. Mr. Davis' two sons are associated with him, specializing in apple and peach raising; their 1933 crop was 30,000 bushels of apples and 3,000 baskets of peaches.

Along with his other activities, he has concerned himself with finance in this region of Massachusetts. As a director of the Clinton Trust Company and a trustee of the Clinton Savings Bank, he takes a leading rôle in this branch of Sterling affairs. Politically a Republican, he was elected in 1915 a selectman of the town of Sterling, so continuing for fourteen years and serving through many of these years as chairman of the board. A foremost worker also in fraternal and church circles, he belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Trinity Lodge, of Clinton, Massachusetts; Sterling Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry; and the Federated Church. Each of these groups has benefited from his participation in its affairs.

John A. Davis married, at Boylston, Massachusetts, on November 11, 1904, Maud H. Shattuck, daughter of George and Mabel (Clark) Shattuck, of Boylston. Mrs. Davis is a granddaughter of Rufus Watson Shattuck, born in the State of Vermont, who removed to Worcester while still very young, there marrying Sarah M. Brittan, of that city. Mrs. Davis' mother, Mabel (Clark) Shattuck, was a daughter of George W. and Myra (Harmon) Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Davis became the parents of four children: 1. Jonathan, born on October 7, 1905, in Sterling, now interested in the farm and its orchards, making the raising of apples, particularly McIntoshes and Baldwins, his specialty; he studied at Dartmouth College, where he was a member of the class of 1927. 2. Mabel, born September 26, 1907, in Sterling; she is a graduate of the Sea Pines School and is now living at home with her family. 3. Evelyn Elizabeth, born November 18, 1909, in Sterling, a graduate of Wheaton, who is now working with the Associated Charities in Worcester. 4. George Shattuck, born in Sterling on December 8, 1911, now also interested in apple-raising on the home farm.

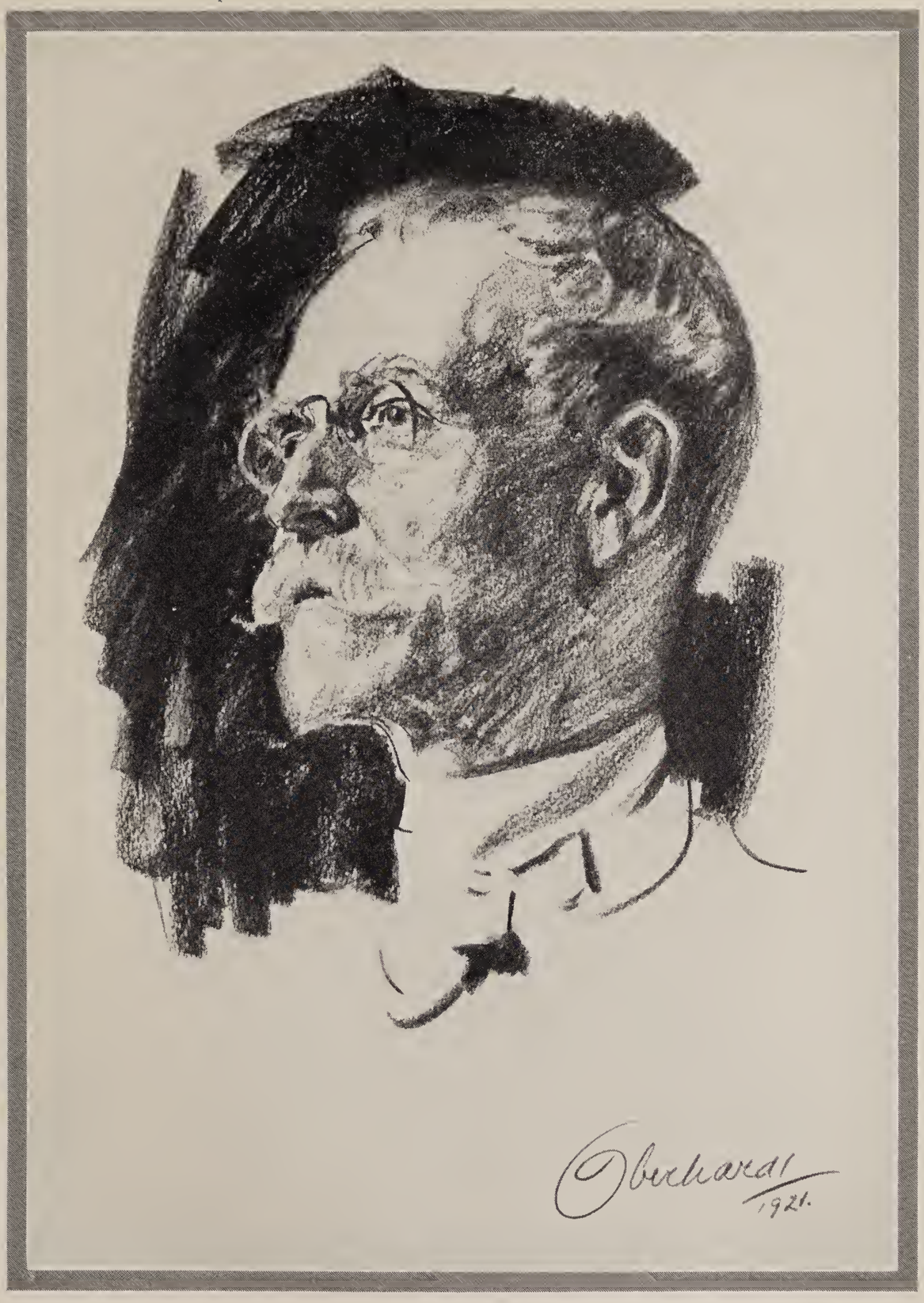
BENJAMIN T. MURPHY—A member of the legal fraternity of Worcester since his admission to the bar, Benjamin T. Murphy has made for himself a place of importance and is recognized as one of its progressive and successful professional men and citizens. He is the son of Patrick J. and Mary A. (Day) Murphy, his father being a native of Vermont, his mother coming from Montreal, Canada. For many years Patrick J. Murphy was manager of the Gas Company of Willimantic, Connecticut. He was also a Civil War veteran, but is now deceased.

Benjamin T. Murphy attended the public schools and was graduated from the Windham High School in 1907, after which he attended the University of Tennessee up to 1915. Before becoming a lawyer he gained experience in commercial and industrial activities, which have been of value to him in the practice of his profession. Graduated from the Northeastern University School of Law in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, Mr. Murphy was admitted to the bar of Worcester County that same year and became associated with the law firm of Norman and Campbell. His association with this firm has continued since that time, and he has engaged in a general practice with notable success.

On November 13, 1913, Benjamin T. Murphy married Sarah H. McGauley, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: Walter John and Richard Morgan.

WALTER JOHN HILL DUDLEY—A member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of the southeastern part of Worcester County, Mr. Dudley, after having spent the greater part of his active career—almost four decades—in New York City, returned to his native town, Douglas. It seems exceptionally appropriate that he should have done this and now live the years of his well-earned retirement in the house, which was built by one of his early ancestors and in which he himself was born, and once more take an active and helpful interest in the life of the town, which earlier generations of his family helped to found and to develop.

The Dudley family of Douglas was founded by Francis Dudley, who was born in England about 1640 and who settled in Concord, Massachusetts, probably in 1663. It is believed that he was a relative of Governor Thomas Dudley of Massachusetts Bay Colony, but the exact degree of relationship is not known. Governor Dudley was born at Northampton, England, in 1576 and died in Massachusetts, July 31, 1653. He was a son of Captain Roger Dudley and was related to several influential English families. He was one of the projectors and later, December 1, 1629, an undertaker of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. He came in the ship "Arbella" as Deputy Governor with Governor Winthrop in 1630 to Salem and then to Charlestown. After serving as Deputy Governor until 1634, when, on May 14, he was elected Governor under the first charter of the Colony, he later served several other terms as Governor and, indeed, he held the positions of Governor, Deputy Governor as assistant every year of his life spent in this country, a period of twenty-three years. Francis Dudley, the great-great-great-great-great-grandfather of Walter John Hill Dudley, though not quite as early an arrival in Massachusetts or as prominent in its affairs as Governor Dudley, nevertheless took his full part in its early development. He served in King Philip's War, and there still exists the record of his having received payment, on February 29, 1675-76, for these services. On October 6, 1665, he married Sarah Wheeler, of Concord, daughter of George Wheeler, and he probably died at Concord.



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Samuel Dudley, son of Francis and Sarah (Wheeler) Dudley, was born at Concord in 1682. He removed to Littleton, a town adjoining Concord, in 1714-15 and was town clerk there in 1716-17. In 1728 he removed to Sutton, Massachusetts, and in 1745 to Douglas, thus becoming the founder of the family in this town. Both at Sutton, where another branch of the family also descended from him still flourishes, and later at Douglas, Samuel Dudley was one of the leading citizens. At Sutton he was moderator of the town meeting in 1728, lieutenant of the militia company in 1730, and the first representative from the town to the General Court in 1731. When the meetinghouse was seated in 1731-32, he had the first place in the front seat, indicating his preëminence, for at that time a man's rank in his community was indicated by his seat in the meetinghouse. Later he built a pew of his own in the meetinghouse. He was on the first board of selectmen of the town of Douglas and served from 1757 to 1770. Here he was also town clerk, in 1748, and assessor, in 1750, while he held the offices of sealer of weights and measures and of constable in 1759 and was on the committee on school money from 1764 to 1768. The Dudley farm, where Samuel Dudley first settled, is on the road between Millbury and Wilkinsonville, Worcester County. He died at Douglas, May 22, 1777, being then about ninety-five years old. Samuel Dudley married four times: (first), November 1, 1705, Abigail King, who died August 9, 1720; (second), in 1720, Lydia Wetherbee, who died at Douglas, March 27, 1747; (third) a lady whose name is no longer known; and (fourth), Sarah Shepard.

William Dudley, son of Samuel and Lydia (Wetherbee) Dudley, was born at Littleton, Middlesex County, May 28, 1726. When he was seventeen years old, he came with his father and other members of the family to Douglas, having lived before that at Sutton, Worcester County, from 1728 until 1745. Like his father he was very active in town affairs. For many years he served as town clerk and he also served as selectman from 1757 to 1770, as "Constable or Collector" in 1759, as district clerk from 1762 to 1770, and as assessor in 1764. He was also at one time surveyor of lumber and at different times a member of various important committees. He married Ann Shepard, of Stoughton, Norfolk County, who died January 22, 1799, aged sixty-seven years. William Dudley died September 8, 1786.

Major Paul Dudley, son of William and Ann (Shepard) Dudley and great-great-grandfather of the subject of this article, was born at Douglas, August 21, 1758, and died February 9, 1837, in his seventy-ninth year. He was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, serving in Captain Samuel Baldwin's Company, Colonel Dike's Regiment, in 1776 and 1777; in Captain Job Knapp's Company, Colonel Nathan Tyler's Regiment, in 1780; in Captain Edward Seagrave's Company, Colonel Wade's Regiment, in the Rhode Island campaign in 1778; and as a corporal in Captain Ebenezer Everett's Company, Colonel McIntosh's Regiment, under General Lovell, later in 1778. He married, October 16, 1781, Dorothy Reed, of Taunton, Bristol County. The house now occupied by Walter John Hill Dudley was built by Major Paul Dudley in 1820.

John Dudley, son of Major Paul and Dorothy (Reed) Dudley, was born at Douglas, September 8, 1791, and lived all his life at Douglas. Here he owned and for many years operated the local hotel. He married, September 16, 1810, Submit Hill, daughter of Colonel Moses Hill, of Douglas. John and Submit (Hill) Dudley were the great-grandparents of Walter Hill Dudley.

James Hill Dudley, son of John and Submit (Hill) Dudley and paternal grandfather of Walter John Hill Dudley, was born at Douglas, December 10, 1814. He received his education in the public schools of Douglas and at the academy in Dudley, Worcester County. As a youth, he went to Boston and for some years worked in the American Hotel. Later he worked in hotels at Uxbridge, Massachusetts, at Norwich, Connecticut, and elsewhere, in order to acquire a thorough knowlodge of hotel operation, so that he might eventually assist his father in the conduct of the hotel at Douglas. In 1844 he returned to his native town and took charge of his father's hotel. For the next fifty-five years he was the proprietor of this ancient and highly reputed inn, which was run by his ancestors and himself from 1750 until 1891. Many famous men were amongst its guests, many interesting incidents happened here, and the honorable story of this old tavern would easily fill a book by itself, crowded with historically interesting and valuable information. Finally Mr. Dudley retired and closed the hotel, after which he continued to live at Douglas until his death at a very advanced age. In politics he was a staunch supporter of the Republican party and he served the town of Douglas as tax collector and selectman. His religious affiliations were with the Congregational Church. He married, in 1836, Eliza Avery Prentiss, a daughter of Joseph Prentiss, a lawyer of Hampton, Connecticut.

Arthur James Dudley, son of James Hill and Eliza Avery (Prentiss) Dudley and father of Walter John Hill Dudley, was born at Douglas, May 7, 1839. He was educated in the public schools of Douglas and a private school at South Windham, Connecticut. As a young man he went to work for his father in the hotel at Douglas and managed the Dudley farm, which had been in the possession of the family for many generations. He became a very prominent and successful farmer. Like his ancestors before him, he took a very active part in town affairs, serving as a selectman and, for several years, as postmaster. He was, in politics, a Republican and for many years was one of the recognized leaders of his party in Douglas and Worcester County. He, too, like many of his forebears, lived to a very advanced age. Arthur James Dudley married, November 12, 1861, Christiania Sarah Hill, daughter of Aaron Hill. They were the parents of the following children: 1. Walter John Hill, of whom further. 2. Guilford Chauncey, born March 5, 1864, who married (first), in 1886, Georgie Humes; (second) Annie Copp; and (third) Gladys L. Copp. He had one son by his first marriage, Raymond Hill Dudley, born June 24, 1887, who married, in 1917, Leontine E. deSloovere. 3. Robert Arthur, born in Providence, Rhode Island, February 23, 1867, who married Georgia Anna Solis and has lived in California since 1886. 4. Loiezer Eliza, born March 7, 1870, who married, October 16, 1915, Francis L. Underwood, and they make their home in the old Dudley house at Douglas, which they share in occupancy with their brother, Walter John Hill Dudley. 5. Ralph Edward, born April 20, 1876, who

married, in 1903, Lola C. Holway, of Douglas. They became the parents of six children: i. Edith Christiania, born December 2, 1904; married Russel Foskett Marsh. ii. Avis Louise, born February 21, 1906, died December 14, 1932; married, September 7, 1926, Matthew W. Rinfrette, and left one son, Ralph François, born September 25, 1927. iii. Dorothy, born January 4, 1907. iv. Grace François, born May 18, 1910. v. John Syril, born December 20, 1911; married, in 1932, Florence Goyette. vi. Ralph Edward, Jr., born September 20, 1918.

Walter John Hill Dudley, oldest son and child of Arthur James and Christiania Sarah (Hill) Dudley, was born August 23, 1862, at Douglas, in the house in which he now lives and in which six generations of the family have lived. He was educated in the public schools. As a young man he served for five years as postmaster of Douglas, being succeeded in that office by his father. Early in life Mr. Dudley became interested in art, for which he showed decided talent. In June, 1888, he went to New York City to study interior decorating. He entered the office of H. Edwards-Ficken, architect, with whom he remained for eight years, studying at the same time at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences and at the Art Students League in New York City. At the end of this period he became associated with Joseph P. McHugh, one of the leading interior decorators of New York City, with whom he remained for twenty-five years as designer and decorator, having charge of all the special work of the firm. Upon the death of Mr. McHugh the firm was dissolved and the business discontinued. In 1924 Mr. Dudley retired and returned to Douglas, where he has since then made his home at the old family homestead, living there in the enjoyment of well-earned leisure, together with his only sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Underwood. He is not married.

DOUGLAS J. HAYES—One of the most interesting developments of agriculture and particularly of smaller animal husbandry, has been the growth of poultry and other fowl plants along industrial lines. The three-farm plant of Douglas J. Hayes, at Sterling, is a pertinent example and illustration of this movement. It is known as the Pine Crest Duck Farm and consists of about one hundred and twenty-five acres, no great acreage, if grain were the crop produced. Here, however, some 50,000 ducks are hatched, raised and marketed annually, under ideal sanitary conditions, with every modern mechanical appliance, that is worth the while, used.

Mr. Hayes was born at Clinton, June 8, 1889, son of James and Lena (Harriman) Hayes, substantial citizens. He attended the grade and high schools of Lancaster and Clinton and at the age of eighteen went to Raynham, Massachusetts, to learn duck raising under the tutelage of R. L. Hutchinson. Later in that year came the entrance of the United States into the World War, and Douglas J. Hayes enlisted in the Marines, the great fighting corps of the navy, and was assigned to the Paris Island Camp, in South Carolina. Like many other patriotic sons of America, it was not his lot to be ordered to the great centers of the conflict, and in 1919 he was honorably discharged with many months gone from his life and his career no further advanced.

True to his ambition, on his return to civilian life, Mr. Hayes returned to Massachusetts and spent two years completing his knowledge and experience in the duck business. Ready to go ahead on his own account, he removed to Sterling and rented an old poultry farm. This was the beginning of his present large establishment. He owns what he once rented, and two additional farms. Starting with the initial raising of less than 5,000 ducks in 1921, ten times that number is his present average. From several small incubators he has advanced to the place where he can set 18,000 duck eggs at a time. The care and marketing of 50,000 ducks is no small business, but Mr. Hayes has availed himself of every short-cut appliance and wholesale method. His markets are chiefly in New England.

Douglas J. Hayes is primarily a business man or industrialist. This does not, however, prevent him from having a decided and active interest in many other features of a normal life. Public-spirited, he devotes time and energy to civic affairs. He has served as selectman of the town of Sterling, 1930-31, and was chosen chairman of the board of selectmen in the latter year. In 1930 1931 and 1932 he was president of the Massachusetts Duck Growers Association. He is also a member of the State Poultry Committee and received a certificate of merit from the State Department of Agriculture in 1931. He is a trustee of the Clinton Savings Bank. Fraternally he is affiliated with Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and he is a member of the American Legion. He is a student of his craft and of conditions in general, being rated as one of the best-informed men of the community. To humanitarian and betterment projects he gives hearty support.

On October 11, 1920, Douglas J. Hayes married Edith MacGowan, of Clinton, daughter of James E. and Jane (MacGowan) MacGowan, and they are the parents of three children: Edith, Marion, and Donald.

WESLEY E. MELLQUIST—A native of Worcester, Wesley E. Mellquist has made the city his home and the scene of his career as an attorney-at-law and public-minded citizen. He is the son of Andrew V. and Edith W. (Staff) Mellquist, both of whom were born in Sweden and came as children with their parents to America. The elder Mr. Mellquist was a trained and experienced mechanic and was the assistant superintendent of the Rice-Barton-Fales Company for some years. He is now retired from active business. Wesley E. Mellquist, after attending the grade schools, was graduated from the Classical High School in 1920 and entered Northeastern University, College of Law, from which he was graduated in 1924 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Upon his graduation he became associated with Rowland J. Hastings, an association which has continued since that time. In January, 1926, Mr. Mellquist was admitted to the bar of Worcester County. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Society and the Massachusetts State Bar Association.

For a number of years Mr. Mellquist has had a keen interest in public affairs. He is a Republican in his party allegiance and a member of the Worcester County Republican Club and the Ward Two Republican Club of the city, and is also a

member of the nominating committee of the Worcester County Republican Council. He is a member and a popular figure in the Lake View Civic Club, the Lake View Improvement Society and the Republican League of Massachusetts. His college fraternity is Pi Tau Kappa.

On October 8, 1931, Mr. Mellquist married Ethel K. Madden, of Worcester.

WALTER GRAVES IRVINE—Having entered the service of the concern in the capacity of an office boy, Walter G. Irvine has been advanced to the office of secretary of the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, one of the largest organizations of its kind in Worcester. The family of Irvine has been resident in Worcester many years. Mr. Irvine's father, George T. Irvine, a native of Conway, Franklin County, was a member of the Worcester Fire Department for twenty-eight years. He was the engineer of a steam fire engine and was killed in action by a falling wall at Bicknell's lumber yard in February, 1920. He married Anna Graves, who was also born in Conway.

Walter Graves Irvine was born in Worcester, October 15, 1891, and was graduated at the South High School in this city in 1909. He next enrolled in Northeastern University, where he completed his course and was graduated in the class of 1921 with the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science. His business career began in 1910, when he joined the staff of the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company. He worked days caring for the details usually assigned an office boy and attended night school to finish his education and college preparatory course. Having been promoted from time to time, he became secretary of the company in 1929.

He is president of the Worcester Advertising Club; a member and past president of the Exchange Club of Worcester; also a member of the Burncoat Club, which he has served as chairman of the membership committee, and a member of the Boy Four Associates and the Runaway Brook Country Club. His religious fellowship is with the first Church of Christ (Scientist), which organization he serves as treasurer. Gifted with a tenor voice of excellent quality, he formerly sang as a soloist in different churches. His services as a singer have also been sought by numerous societies and other organizations.

Mr. Irvine married, May 30, 1914, Louise Colwell, of St. John, New Brunswick, and their children are: Kenneth C., Walter Graves, Jr., and Sibyl L. The Irvine family home is at No. 25 Rollinson Road, Worcester.

CLARENCE E. CLEVELAND—Besides filling the offices of president and treasurer of the Intervale Mills, Inc., in Webster, the late Clarence E. Cleveland, one of the best known executives in the textile industry in this section of Massachusetts, served the municipality on various important committees. He gave generously of both time and money for the promotion of the welfare of the town, of which he was regarded as one of its first citizens.

Born in Worcester, August 31, 1865, Clarence E. Cleveland was a son of Edwin C. and Eliza (Goddard) Cleveland and made his home in that city until 1887, in which year he removed to Webster. His education was received in the schools of Worcester, passing from the Classical High School to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was graduated in the class of 1886. After locating in Webster he was identified with the Chase Mills for a time and later was with the Slater Mill in South Village.

He became associated with the Intervale Mills at Quinebaug, Webster, in 1890. In 1909 he was elected treasurer of the corporation and in 1924 was advanced to president, holding both offices until his retirement, due to ill health, in 1928. More recently he was associated with James P. Bergin, town treasurer, and Edward Keegan in the Keegan Mill at Wilsonville and was a partner and active in the manufacturing department until the time of his death.

Mr. Cleveland never sought public office, but was always intensely interested in many civic enterprises. Known as a fearless man, he was firm in his convictions on matters relating to the public, town government and the people's welfare. One of his great services to the town of Webster was as a member of the advisory board for four years and as its chairman for the last two years of his tenure. He gave much time and effort to the work of this group, always with the earnest desire of doing the very best for the town. He was also identified with many committees and boards named by the selectmen of Webster and headed a score and more of community enterprises. During the World War period he was leader of many of the important local committees and campaigns and served as chairman of the "Welcome Home" celebration for the returning soldiers. His most recent service was as a member of the committee investigating the group-insurance plan for town property.

He was affiliated with Webster Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Webster Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association.

Mr. Cleveland married Gertrude O. Stevens, of Intervale Manor, Quinebaug, daughter of Eben S. Stevens. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland follow: 1. Eben S. (q. v.), of Webster, president of the Intervale Mills, Inc. 2. Edwin C., of Putnam, Connecticut, treasurer of the Intervale Mills, Inc. 3. Mrs. Dorothy C. Heckman, of Newton Highlands, whose children are Gertrude, Philip, and Chester L. Heckman.

In the death of Clarence E. Cleveland on May 8, 1931, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Albert Wood, in Worcester, there was lost to the townspeople of Webster a citizen, who had performed unselfishly much constructive work in their behalf. He was one who never thought of seeking honors for himself, and few were held in higher esteem.

EBEN S. CLEVELAND—When Eben S. Cleveland succeeded his father, the late Clarence E. Cleveland, as president and treasurer of the Intervale Mills, Inc., at Quinebaug, he became the executive and financial head of one of the great industrial corporations in this part of the State. He is a graduate of a textile school, a veteran of the World War, and served as assistant treasurer of the Intervale corporation prior to assuming the more important duties. He has since relinquished the treasurership to his brother.

Born in Dudley, July 23, 1895, Eben S. Cleveland is a son of Clarence E. and Gertrude O.

(Stevens) Cleveland, both parents natives of Massachusetts. A biography of the father accompanies this review of his son's career.

Eben S. Stevens, maternal grandfather of Eben S. Cleveland, settled in 1870 near the site now occupied by one of the mills of the Intervale corporation. He built the original mill and the dam in Quinebaug, and these have continued in operation since. The company manufactures woolens for both men and women's wear, the cloth being shipped to garment makers in New York City. In normal times the company employs one hundred and seventy-five hands. Mr. Stevens was active in the affairs of this mill up to 1909, when he was elected chairman of the board and president of the company, filling these offices at the time of his death, which occurred in 1924.

After Eben S. Cleveland passed through the public schools of Webster, he entered Columbia University and was graduated there Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1919. On May 10, 1917, he enlisted in the army for the World War and was assigned to the quartermaster corps. He was transferred to the motor transport service and, when honorably discharged, held the rating of first sergeant. He entered the service of the Intervale Mills, Inc., in 1919 and worked in the plant until 1921. From 1921 to 1922 he studied in the Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Textile School and familiarized himself with the technique of manufacture. On his return to the company he was made assistant treasurer. He filled the position until his father resigned as treasurer in 1928 on account of ill health and he was chosen his successor. In 1930 his brother, Edwin C. Cleveland, returned from school and assumed the duties of treasurer in June of that year, and at the same time Eben S. Cleveland was elected president. Mr. Cleveland is affiliated with the American Legion, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Webster Lions Club. His principal recreations are golf and motoring.

Eben S. Cleveland married, September 15, 1919, Margaret D. Duram, of Chicago, Illinois, and they have three children: 1. Margaret Alice, born December 13, 1921. 2. Eben S., Jr., born November 12, 1924. 3. Richard Arthur, born December 30, 1926. Mr. Cleveland and his family have their home in Webster.

NATHAN E. CRAIG—Among the strong financial men who lend their influence to the advance of their community is Nathan E. Craig, president of the Spencer National Bank and actively interested in other financial institutions of the town of Spencer. By profession Mr. Craig is a civil engineer. He has served in the municipal government in several important capacities. He is also identified with one of the leading shoe manufacturing concerns of Spencer.

The Craig family of this connection is of Scottish origin and was represented among early settlers of Wrentham, Massachusetts. Robert Craig, great-great-grandfather of Nathan E. Craig, was born in Wrentham and was a farmer. He removed to Leicester, Massachusetts, and married Martha Green, daughter of Dr. Thomas Green, who gave the church and cemetery at Greenville to the congregation in that community. His son, Nathan Craig, held the commission of a lieutenant and fought as a Minute Man from Leicester in the battle of Bunker Hill in the Revolutionary War. His sword is a prized possession of Nathan E. Craig, of this review. He married Dulcena Huntington. George A. Craig, father of Nathan E., was born in Leicester. He married Ellen A. Jones, a native of Bristol, Connecticut.

Nathan E. Craig, son of George A. and Ellen A. (Jones) Craig, was born in Spencer, May 16, 1864, and was graduated with the degree of Civil Engineer at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the class of 1883. He was appointed town engineer of Spencer, where he has also held the offices of water commissioner, member of the sinking fund commission, and superintendent of the sewer department. He also does conveyancing and settling of estates in connection with Probate Court business. In addition to the office of president of the Spencer National Bank, he has been a director of the Worcester County National Bank, a trustee and chairman of the board of investment of the Spencer Savings Bank, a member of the corporation of the Worcester County Institution for Savings, and secretary and a director of the Allen-Squire Company, shoe manufacturers of Spencer. He is affiliated with Spencer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master and is a member of the Commonwealth Club.

Nathan E. Craig married (first), December 12, 1888, Luella J. Corser, who died February 18, 1912. He married (second) April 24, 1921, May B. Allen, who was born in Waterloo, New York, January 8, 1877, daughter of Alfred S. and Harriet (Berry) Allen and a descendant of John Hart of New Jersey, one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

FREDERICK ANTON HAWES—Numbered among the business leaders who have played notable rôles in the commercial development of Worcester, was Frederick Anton Hawes, for many years the directing head and president of the Barnard, Sumner and Putnam Company, one of the leading department stores of the city.

He was a native of Oakdale, West Boylston, born January 17, 1859, son of Lafayette and Julia (Gilman) Hawes, and died April 12, 1933. Lafayette Hawes was born at Weld, Maine, February 12, 1826, and died at Oakdale, February 10, 1874. He was a "Forty-niner," sailing in the ship "Regulus" around Cape Horn and remaining in the gold fields three years. During most of his active life, however, he was a shoe manufacturer in Oakdale. He married there, January 1, 1852, Julia Gilman, who died in this city, October 7, 1905, aged seventy-one years, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Bickford) Gilman, both natives of New Hampshire, and descendants of early pioneers of New England. She was born at Phillips, Maine, August 13, 1830. Frederick A. Hawes had one brother, Arthur W., who died November 26, 1932.

Frederick A. Hawes, after completing his education at Howes Business College, entered the employ of the Denholm and McKay Company, with whom he continued about a year. In 1881 he became associated with the mercantile house of Barnard, Sumner and Company, with which his whole business career was thereafter connected to the time of his retirement to enjoy the leisure and success so well earned. The Barnard, Sumner and Putnam Company is one of the pioneer concerns of its kind in Worcester, going back to an establishment of

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John B. Wyman who sold his store to H. H. Chamberlain, who in turn was bought out by the three men whose names the company now bears. The original partners were young men, and it was their custom to induce young men to accept posts in the business with promotion, as their services warranted. Mr. Hawes began his connection with the company in a minor capacity and gradually worked his way through almost all of the departments of the corporation. He became buyer after a few years and in 1903 was made the general manager. Two years later he was made the treasurer and in 1911 was elected president of the concern, in which office he continued until he resigned to make way for another ambitious young man. It is well known that under the administration of Mr. Hawes the greatest period of expansion in the history of the company took place, and it established the importance and reputation which it holds among Massachusetts mercantile establishments.

Mr. Hawes had always been greatly interested in all worthy movements which made for the advance and prosperity of the municipality. He had been active in community and social affairs and was a popular figure in the club and cultural circles of the city. Along business lines, he was a director and a vice-president of the Dry Goods Alliance of New York, a buying syndicate composed of department store executives from all the large cities in the Nation. He was a member of the New England Dry Goods Association and the National Dry Goods Association of New York. Among his clubs were the Worcester, Commonwealth, Worcester Country, Tatassit Canoe and other clubs. For many years he was prominent in the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce of Worcester.

SPAULDING BARTLETT—For many years Spaulding Bartlett has occupied an important place in the business life of Webster, where the Bartlett name has been distinguished through several generations. He is now president of the First National Bank of Webster.

Mr. Bartlett was born at Warehouse Point, Connecticut, on January 10, 1869, a son of Amos and Emma (Spaulding) Bartlett, both natives of Webster. The Bartlett family settled in Webster in 1820. The Spauldings are of record in Oxford, Massachusetts, in very early times, and all the family for ten generations have lived and died within sixty miles of the city of Webster. Several of them served with honor in the Revolutionary War. Amos Bartlett, father of Spaulding Bartlett, was a veteran of the Civil War, in which he commanded Company H, the famous Worcester Company, of the 15th Massachusetts Volunteers, serving with the rank of captain. In civil life he was associated with the Slater interests in Webster. For many years he was a selectman at Webster. He was a lifelong Democrat.

Spaulding Bartlett, of this record, received his early education in Webster public schools and subsequently entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he was graduated on completing his course of study in 1890. He began his active career in the Slater Woolen Mills at Webster, of which he was, successively, assistant superintendent and superintendent. Later he was elected assistant treasurer of S. Slater and Sons, Inc., and finally became treasurer of that concern, an office which he held until 1923. Mr. Bartlett was associated with the Slater interests for thirty-three years. He rose within the organization through the merit of his services and played an important part in the direction of its affairs until his virtual retirement from active business in 1923. Meanwhile, however, he had been a director of the First National Bank of Webster for a number of years. As he relinquished his other interests he began to take a more active part in affairs of the bank, serving as vice-president until April 9, 1929, when he was elected president. For this office he is well qualified by reason of his long business and financial experience, his capacity for the executive direction of affairs and the proven qualities of his judgment and temperament. Mr. Bartlett has also served his community as chairman of the advisory commission of the town of Webster, and, for twenty-four consecutive years, 1896-1920, as a member of the school board, and has given his unhesitating support to every worthy movement in the public interest.

On January 1, 1896, he married Georgia Slater of Webster. Thy bcame the parents of five children, of whom four survive, as follows: 1. Asa, associated with the Charles D. Cady Printing Company of Worcester. 2. Samuel S., headmaster of the South Kent School at South Kent, Connecticut. 3. Henry Craigin, an insurance counsellor, representing the Aetna Life Insurance Company. 4. Mrs. George William Goddard of Boston. 5. George Hodges, now deceased. He was a master at Kent School, Kent, Connecticut, at the time of his tragically early death and had entered upon a career of great promise in the world of education.

WILLIAM A. BENNETT—The superintendent of the Goddard Works of the Wickwire-Spencer Steel Company at Worcester, William A. Bennett is noted for his varied abilities and keen interest in many spheres of activities. He is not only a successful industrial executive, but plays important rôles in civic and political affairs, is a remarkably fine public speaker, and is a popular figure in numerous clubs and organizations.

He is a native of Worcester, born March 7, 1887, a son of Charles L., and Lizzie U. (Woodward) Bennett, both of whom were members of old Massachusetts families. Charles L. Bennett, now deceased, was a well-known contractor and builder, a highly esteemed friend, and of some prominence in local politics as a long-time member of the Republican Central Committee.

William A. Bennett was educated in the public schools, being a graduate of South High School, Worcester. Comparatively early in life he started out to make livelihood, and his first employment of importance was with the Loring-Coes Company, machine and knife manufacturers, with whom he remained for thirteen years. He started in at the bottom of the industry, lacking influence or influential friends. He worked his way up through all the various departments and rose to be foreman of the plant. In September, 1916, Mr. Bennett went with the Wickwire-Spencer Corporation, with whom he has continued ever since. He began as a foreman of one of the departments of this great company and, after serving in various executive positions, was made superintendent of the Goddard Works in September, 1926. Under average condi-

tions he has a thousand men under his direction, and it is said of them that they work with him rather than for him. He is no office chair executive, but not a taskmaker or a "boss" in the usual sense of the word. He can do himself what he requires of others and is ready always to give the worker the benefit of his experience.

Along with his activities in his business, Mr. Bennett is a leader in other fields of human interests. For a number of years he has served on the Republican committee and has been a member of the city council during the years from 1921 to 1924 inclusive, representing Ward Seven. He was president of the common council in the years 1923 and 1924. In 1925 he was sent by the electorate to the State Legislature and was reëlected in 1927. While a member of the House he served on the municipal, finance, labor, and industries committees and initiated or sponsored some of the most constructive legislation of that period. At the present time he is vice-president of the Republican Council and is taking a prominent place in civic movements. Welfare and humanitarian enterprises have always found in him one ready to lend his support. In March, 1933, he was unanimously elected a trustee of Worcester City Hospital.

Mr. Bennett is a popular public speaker, both at political gatherings and at banquets, or on industrial topics. In 1930 he was invited to Cleveland, Ohio, and while there broadcast a number of industrial talks; later he did a like service in Connecticut. Fraternally, Mr. Bennett is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and Central Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand and a trustee. Among other organizations of which he is a member are: Commercial Travelers, Worcester County Republican Club, Thalia Club, and Canopy Club of Boston. He was elected an honorary life member of Post No. 10, Grand Army of the Republic. While little time remains to him to ride hobbies or enjoy recreations, he is well known as a flower lover and amateur gardener of skill and particularly enjoys the making of miniature playgrounds for children.

On June 28, 1910, Mr. Bennett married Nellie M. Bacon, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Phyllis M., born April 6, 1920. 2. Gordon F., born September 2, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett reside at No. 122 Brookline Street, Worcester.

LOUIS MAURICE HANFF—A figure of importance in the life of Rutland, Worcester County, Louis Maurice Hanff has achieved a career notable for public service to the welfare of the section of the State in which he makes his home. He was born in Lowell, Wisconsin, August 17, 1858, a son of Maurice and Louise (Hinckel) Hanff, both of whom were natives of Germany. They migrated from the mother country about 1845 and celebrated their marriage in the old church on Salem Square, Worcester. Into the woods of Wisconsin went these two in 1857 and it was at this time that Louis Maurice was born. Later the family lived in St. Louis, Missouri, and then at Evansville, Indiana, where the son received the greater part of his education.

Louis Maurice Hanff, in the good old fashioned way, learned a trade, that of house and sign painting, which he followed until 1884, when he arrived at Worcester. His stay here was just long enough to get a painting job on a new hotel then in the course of construction in Rutland. In 1895 he was elected town clerk, an office which he has held continuously since that time. He is also a notary public and justice of the peace. He continued in the house and sign painting business up to 1916. In 1918 Mr. Hanff went with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to assist in the policing of its lines during the World War period, stationed at South Worcester and continued until 1924. More recently, he has been interested in a canteen restaurant and store.

In addition to Mr. Hanff's service as town clerk, he was treasurer when Rutland was building a town hall, school building and water system. He has also been on the school committee for fifteen years, a deputy sheriff, and held other minor offices. Louis M. Hanff has been secretary of the County Town Clerk Association for more than thirty years. He is secretary and treasurer of the Charlton Home Farm Association, which is an organization of twenty-four towns for welfare purposes. Fraternally he is affiliated with Rufus Putnam Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Rutland, and the Rutland Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and is a member of the Holden Trowel Club. He is a member of the executive committee of the Rufus Putnam Memorial Association.

On April 30, 1887, Louis Maurice Hanff married Frances I. Putnam, daughter of George A. and Philena E. (Fletcher) Putnam, and they are the parents of five children: 1. David M., a merchant of Rutland, who served overseas in the Medical Corps during the World War. 2. Edward AtLee, electrical engineer in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 3. Hazel, widow of Lewis F. Morris, of Rutland. 4. Malinda A., assistant postmaster of Rutland. 5. Ludovic F., service engineer with the New England Power Company at Providence, who served with the Students' Training Corps at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LESTER E. GAVITT—Founder and head of the corporation bearing his name, Lester E. Gavitt has been instrumental in building up a large business in the manufacture of insulated wire and special cables. The Gavitt Manufacturing Company, of which he is treasurer and general manager, has its plant and offices in the town of Brookfield, whose commercial advance is promoted by this large and thriving industry. The concern draws its volume of trade from many parts of the United States and Canada and from some foreign countries.

Mr. Gavitt's father, Edward L. Gavitt, was born in Rhode Island, son of Captain Isaac P. Gavitt, with whom he was associated in the steamship business for a number of years, and is now assistant superintendent of the Gavitt Manufacturing Company. He married Alice L. Lillibridge, a native of Connecticut.

Lester E. Gavitt was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, April 8, 1900, and received his college preparatory training in the schools of his native city. Entering Brown University, he took a special course there for three years. When the Armistice in the World War was signed, he had served three months in a naval corps of the United States forces. On leaving the university, he went to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he entered the

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employ of the Whitall Electric Company, having charge of the purchasing and merchandising departments.

His first engagement in business on his own account had to do with the establishment of the first radio distribution organization in New England, just at the time when broadcasting was coming to be the vogue. He removed to West Brookfield, where he opened a plant for the manufacture of telephone cords, later adding the production of special cables for use in electrical automotive and radio manufacturers' products. The business took on larger proportions, and in 1923 it was chartered as the Gavitt Manufacturing Company, Inc. The officers, besides Mr. Gavitt, treasurer and general manager, are: Elizabeth T. Gavitt, president, and J. W. Holman, vice-president. To the domestic and Canadian business there is supplemented a gratifyingly large amount of export trade. More commodious and modern quarters for the manufacture of its products being required, the company moved to Brookfield in October, 1927, and occupied a four-story building having about 25,000 square feet of floor space. In normal times employment is furnished to about three hundred and fifty people. The size and success of the business are the result largely of Mr. Gavitt's personal efforts and application of time and energy. He is affiliated with Bay Path Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of West Brookfield, and Delta Phi Fraternity. He is chairman of the Brookfield School Committee. His recreations are principally golf and boating.

Mr. Gavitt married, October 21, 1922, Elizabeth Tillinghast, a graduate of Smith College, class of 1922, and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Their children are: 1. Richard Lester Gavitt, born January 28, 1924. 2. Elizabeth Ann, born July 13, 1925.

LLEWELLYN GRAY FARNUM—Not long after the "horseless age" became an established fact, Llewellyn G. Farnum obtained the agency for the Ford motor vehicles in the Uxbridge territory and became the first representative of this make of cars in this section of the country. Today he has one of the best-equipped automobile salesrooms and service stations in the county of Worcester.

Born in Uxbridge, December 5, 1884, Mr. Farnum is the son of Henry S. and Lillias M. (Macomber) Farnum, the former a hardware merchant in Uxbridge and for some time postmaster of the town. After attending the public schools of his native town, the son, Llewellyn G., entered Worcester Academy, where he completed his education. For a few years after leaving school he assisted his father in the management of the latter's hardware store. It was in 1910 that he was given the Ford agency in the so-called Uxbridge area, and he has since built up a very large business, having sold thousands of cars bearing the name of the famous Detroit manufacturer. In the two buildings of cement block construction, housing the Farnum business there is 24,000 square feet of floor space. The rear building is one hundred feet by forty-three feet in ground dimensions and two stories high.

Other business affiliations of Mr. Farnum are the Home Appliance Company, Inc., of Norfolk, Virginia, and the Rainbow Chemical Products, Inc., of Uxbridge. The former, of which he is president and treasurer, controls distribution of the Lynn Range Oil Burner in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Maryland. He is treasurer of the latter corporation, whose products are leather colors and fabric dyes, merchandized through leading wholesalers in the United States and by the Grant, McCrory, and Woolworth chain stores in the United States and Cuba.

Mr. Farnum has not, however, adopted the idea of a horseless age for himself entirely. He is a well-known racer and rider of horses. His pet trotter, "Lil's Express," has taken several purses. She won the "sweepstakes" at the Metropolitan Parkway in 1931, having been the first horse of the racing class to win a race in the dark. Mr. Farnum is a member of Milford Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge.

Mr. Farnum married, in 1912, Sarah Graham, of Sutton, Massachusetts, and their children are: Lillias M., Dorothy S., and Hildegard J.

FRANK H. NORTON—President and manager of the Hotel Pleasant, Inc., No. 66 Pleasant Street, Worcester, Mr. Norton was born in Spencer, March 14, 1883, son of Bartholomew and Bridget Norton, both natives of Ireland. His parents came early in life to the United States, settling in Spencer, where the father was employed in a boot and shoe factory.

Frank H. Norton received his early education in the public schools of Spencer, starting to work, while still very young, in a shoe factory. His first hotel experience was in the capacity of errand boy in the Massasoit Hotel, in Spencer, and after a time he became clerk. He came to Worcester in 1905 and was with the Bay State Hotel as clerk, later being associated with the Franklin Hotel. In August, 1919, he came to the Pleasant Hotel, which was incorporated in October, 1927, as the Pleasant Hotel, Inc., with Mr. Norton as its president; John Fitzgerald, treasurer; and John H. Behan, clerk. The Pleasant is one of the popular hostelries of Worcester and is modern in its equipment and methods. It has sixty rooms with hot and cold running water, and its manager is highly esteemed and trusted by the people of Worcester and by those transient guests who find their way to this city.

In addition to his hotel work, which has been outstandingly valuable, Mr. Norton is active in civic, social and fraternal affairs. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also belongs to the Fish and Game Club and the Hotel Greeters of America. He has a wide acquaintance and a host of friends.

Mr. Norton married, on June 1, 1925, Margaret Hogan, of Worcester.

WILLIAM CASEY—Service to his community and State has brought William Casey into a place of leadership in Massachusetts, where he has served as Representative in the Legislature for the Third Worcester District, comprising the towns of North Brookfield, Paxton, Hardwick, Oakham, New Braintree and Spencer. A resident of Spencer, he is chairman of the board of selectmen and of the finance committee of his town. He has been known, through all his public career, as a fighter for the interests of labor.

Mr. Casey was born on November 20, 1884, in Spencer, son of John and Maria (Hayden) Casey. His father, a native of Ireland, came to America when a boy, took up farming as an occupation, and settled in 1885 on the site on which his son, William, now lives. He owned four hundred acres of land in Spencer, Charlton and East Brookfield, raised Ayrshire cattle, of which he had sixty head, and kept a large dairy. He died in 1928.

In the rural schools, William Casey, of this review, received his early education, attending the schools of Spencer, his birthplace. At an early age, he took over management of the home farm; and from small beginnings, by virtue of sound judgment and business ability, came to own and operate one of the largest farms in the Worcester district. He also became a breeder of Ayrshire cattle. Before politics absorbed so much of his time and attention, he became deeply interested in Grange work, serving early in life as Master of the Subordinate and Pomona Granges. He is today a member of the State and National Granges. He won commendation in the report of the State Grange's executive committee for his protection of agricultural and rural regions of Massachusetts against unwise legislation. Many years of service caused him to be regarded as a leader of the legislative committee on agriculture in the State Legislature; and one of his outstanding works was that which he performed as member of a recess commission to draft a report for a uniform milk inspection law to protect customers as well as producers against milk from outside sources. The bill that he framed was enacted into law. Mr. Casey has also served as president of the Dairymen's Association of Worcester County, comprising about seven hundred members, and as chairman of the Worcester County Farm Bureau's roads-to-market committee.

Since 1920 Mr. Casey has been continuously engaged in public activities of growing importance. In that year he was elected to Spencer's board of selectmen and he has served uninterruptedly as a selectman since that time. He was first elected to the Massachusetts State Legislature in 1922, serving for two years. In 1926, 1928 and 1930 he was elected to this office. For eight years he was a member of the committee on agriculture, as noted above, and for four years, of the committee on towns. He also served for four years as a member of the committee on power and lights and in that capacity led the fight in the House to abolish the gas and electric meter charge, though his bill, which passed the House, was later defeated in the Senate.

In his milk inspection work, he fought vigorously in the winter of 1931-32, the practice of allowing 15,000 quarts of milk to be sold daily in Worcester from outside the State without the inspection required by law. Forcing the admission from the board of health that such was the case, he won praise in an editorial in the Worcester "Telegram." Another of Mr. Casey's consistent campaigns has been that which he has waged against spending money to increase the taxes on the already overburdened taxpayer. Himself a large taxpayer, he knows taxpayers' problems. His wide experience makes him a very valuable man in the State Government.

His party alignment has been with the Democratic organization. For eleven years he has been chairman of the town committee of his party. He was the first Democrat in the Worcester District, of which he is a member, to be elected to the State Legislature. In all his manifold activities, he has, moreover, proven his ability to lead the people of this district toward worth while things and has unselfishly given of his time and energies to the cause of civic betterment.

William Casey married, February 11, 1907, Bessie E. Baker, of Charlton. By this marriage there were three children: 1. Olive F., a student at Becker's College. 2. Doris E., a student at David Prouty High School, in Spencer. 3. Anna G., attending the Grove Street School.

CYRILLE LEBLANC—As principal guardian of the public peace in Gardner, Chief of Police Cyrille Leblanc has brought his force and equipment to a high state of efficiency, so that they constitute one of the best functioning police departments in the State.

Benjamin Leblanc, Chief Leblanc's father, a native of Canada, came to Massachusetts about 1885, lived first in Fitchburg, this county, later removing to Keene, New Hampshire, and for a number of years carried on his trade as a lumberman. He is now living, retired, at No. 81 Greenwood Street, Gardner. He married Jane Jaillet, who was also born in Canada, and they had their home in New Brunswick before coming to the United States. Their children are: 1. Patrick, a missionary priest of Ste. Anne de Beaupré, Quebec, Canada. He carries on his labors in Canada and the United States, excepting the summer season, when he is stationed at the Shrine at St. Anne. 2. Mary, married Arthur Perrault. 3. Cyrille, of this review, see further. 4. Richard, a mechanic for the highway department and a member of the fire department in Gardner. 5. Mary Jane, married Donat Robichaud, of Gardner. 6. Alice, married Aimé Leblanc. 7. Edgar, an automobile mechanic in Gardner.

Cyrille Leblanc was born in New Brunswick, Canada, January 23, 1896, and received his education in the public and parochial schools of Gardner. His first employment was with the Central Oil and Gas Company in Gardner, where he worked as a mechanic. He later went to Springfield, Hampden County, where he was employed by the Smith and Wesson Company, which then were among the largest manufacturers of revolvers in the world. On April 11, 1917, he entered the World War, having been assigned to the coast artillery. He was transferred to the heavy artillery at Fort Anderson, Boston Harbor, and in August, 1917, went overseas, being stationed at Camp de Mailley from September, 1917, until February, 1918. He participated in the actions in the St. Mihiel and Argonne sectors. For the last six months of the war, until the signing of the Armistice, he was in action continuously with the exception of two days. He was honorably mustered out of service February 13, 1919.

On his return to Gardner, he went to work at carriage-making at the plant of the Hayward-Wakefield Company and was there two years. His police career began with appointment to the Gardner force, June 14, 1921, as a reserve officer. On December 13, 1921, he was named to the regular department, of which he was appointed chief on July 30, 1928. Prior to this elevation he took a course in the Boston Police School, and from

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Superintendent of Police Michael H. Crowley, of Boston, there came to the Gardner authorities a most commendatory letter, recounting Mr. Leblanc's qualifications for the office of chief and suggesting him for the place.

Chief Leblanc has been instrumental in establishing many improvements in the Gardner Police Department. He has inaugurated twenty-four hour service at headquarters and has completely motorized the vehicular apparatus. He has also opened two additional routes for the patrolmen. Pistol practice for the entire force has been established, and the efficiency of the members has thus been greatly advanced. His men, in fact, constitute one of the most expert group of marksmen to be found anywhere. The force has been further modernized by being equipped with riot guns, tear-gas apparatus, and other up-to-date methods of police efficiency. The chief has also opened a school of fire for bank employees to teach them the use of firearms. For two years he has had stationed at various schools an officer to look after the small children's safety in crossing streets. This has proved a salutary move for the little ones. The chief has been active in the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and has been in receipt of letters of commendation from different temperance societies for his attitude toward this law. He is "always on the job" himself and his constant and expert supervision results in the smooth functioning of the department.

Chief Leblanc is a member of the New England Association of Police Chiefs, the Police Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Relief Association. In addition to his duties as chief he performs those of constable and truant officer in Gardner. He is a Past Commander of Gardner Post, American Legion; an honorary member of the French National Club; and affiliates with the Assumption Society, Foresters of America, and St. Vincent de Paul Society. He is a member of the Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church at Gardner.

Chief of Police Leblanc married, March 28, 1920, Eva Lapierre, of Gardner. She is a graduate nurse, a former district nurse, and is active in Red Cross work. Their children are: Cyrille, Jr., Helen E., Patrick A., Gerald F., and Anne R. The Leblanc family residence is at No. 102 Monadnock Street, Gardner.

JAMES R. HORGAN—Experience in police work and in business has well fitted James R. Horgan for his present duties as head of the Horgan Detective Agency, one of Worcester's outstanding organizations of its kind.

Mr. Horgan was born on March 13, 1891, in Worcester, son of John J. and Mary J. (Athy) Horgan. His father was a native Bostonian, and the mother was born in Worcester. John J. Horgan was a member of the Worcester police department over a period of many years. In the public schools, James R. Horgan studied as a boy and in 1911 he was graduated from South High School. He then worked for a time in the accounting department of the American Steel and Wire Mills, until at length he received an appointment to the police department of his city. Until May, 1919, he served on the police force, filling different offices and assignments and performing a varied work. He then went into business in Providence, Rhode Island, though after a time he returned to Worcester and became engaged in the automobile business for himself. In 1921 he was appointed a United States Government investigator, working with the prohibition unit of the Federal Department of Justice. In September, 1926, he spent a short time once more in the automobile business, until, in 1931, he established the Horgan Detective Agency.

Mr. Horgan's early police activities had given him a wide experience in detective work, so that he is now able to conduct a large business and to perform the type of service that he has chosen in all its many branches. Some of Worcester's leading groups in business and civic life have from time to time sought the protection of Mr. Horgan and his powerful organization. In the course of his work here, he has come to be widely known and esteemed, not only through his own labors, but because of his affiliations with such groups as the Commercial Travelers' Association, the Police Relief Association, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (of Worcester). In his detective work Mr. Horgan is ably assisted by Thomas C. Rice.

Mr. Horgan married, on June 19, 1919, Agnes Rice, of Framingham. They became the parents of two sons: 1. James T., born April 14, 1920. 2. Robert E., born May 30, 1925. Both sons are now students at the Midland Street School, in Worcester. The family residence is situated at No. 29 Amherst Street, Worcester.

WILFRED R. GRAVEL—Before Wilfred J. Gravel settled in his native town of Southbridge as a practicing lawyer and had been appointed to the office of town counsel, he served as a representative of the United States Government in an attempt to pacify and rehabilitate the Republic of Haiti. His accomplishments were so gratifying to his departmental superior at Washington that they brought him the official and cordial thanks of the government.

Mr. Gravel was born in Southbridge, August 27, 1892, a son of Horace J. and Marie Louise (Lord) Gravel, his parents natives of Canada. His father came to Southbridge when a young man and was a merchant here for a number of years. He is now retired. He is also prominent in local politics. The son, Wilfred, attended the public schools in Worcester, graduating from the Worcester High School in 1913. He then entered the Worcester Dental Laboratory, where he was learning the profession of dental surgery when the United States entered the World War. On August 2, 1917, he enlisted and was assigned to the 25th Ambulance Corps; he went overseas and was in the ambulance service several months. Among the major battles in which he participated were St. Mihiel, the Argonne and Verdun. He also served as a waggoner. After a service of two years and two weeks he was honorably mustered out, August 15, 1919.

Soon after his return home, he became a student at the Berkeley Preparatory School in Boston, where he graduated September 10, 1920. He then entered Boston University Law School, which made him a Bachelor of Laws at graduation June 14, 1923. Certification to the bar was issued to him October 9, 1923.

Later in the same year that he left the law school, and just about as he was to engage in the practice of his profession, he was commissioned by the United States Government to go to Haiti in the capacity of a peace treaty official. He remained in this service for eight years, traveling to and from the United States frequently and also making official trips to Cuba, Jamaica, San Domingo, Republic of Panama, Colombia and Brazil. During his stay in Haiti he had full charge of affairs for the Haitian Government, handling all moneys for that government, directing all work on improvements and shipping, and disbursing wages to all the employees, who were natives. Being the only white official in his district at the time, he might well have been termed a one-man government. He was highly complimented by Washington for the excellence of his services in so trying a situation.

On his return to the town of Southbridge in March, 1931, he established himself in the practice of law. In March, 1932, he was appointed district service officer for District No. 5, American Legion. In April of the same year he received the appointment of town counsel of Southbridge, in which office he has since had complete charge of the town's law department. His affiliations include the Southern Worcester County Bar Association, American Legion, and Phi Delta Phi Fraternity.

Mr. Gravel married, October 23, 1923, Dora May Cardinal, of Worcester. In all his journeys, Mr. Gravel and his wife have traveled together, and during the period of his service in Haiti she made eighteen trips from the tropics to Southbridge.

ARTHUR LeDOUX—Having risen from the state of a poor boy to that of a citizen of prominence in the community of East Brookfield, Arthur LeDoux is both a leader in business and in town affairs, owning a number of meat and grocery stores and holding the office of chairman of the board of selectmen. He is one of the town's enterprising citizens and has built a number of modern homes, which he rents to parties desirous of convenient living conditions.

Mr. LeDoux is of French descent. He was born in East Brookfield, June 16, 1885, a son of Caesar and Valera (Rendeau) LeDoux, and received his education in the local public schools. His first employment was in Scott's woolen mill in East Brookfield, starting at the age of fourteen years. At the age of seventeen he left and went to work for E. H. Stoddard, a market gardener, remaining in his service until he was twenty-one. At that age he married and he and his wife went on a farm, where they lived and worked together for four years. Meanwhile, for a similar period, he drove a meatcart, and on April 10, 1912, he gave up the management of the farm and opened the meat market and grocery, which he has since operated with gratifying success. Since starting his initial enterprise, he has opened a second store for the sale of meats and groceries, and this also has proved a successful undertaking. He is the proprietor of three gasoline stations, one each in East Brookfield, Sturbridge, and Southbridge, and these are well patronized. He is a member of the board of trustees of the North Brookfield Savings Bank and of the board of directors of the Southbridge Coöperative Bank.

Public affairs of East Brookfield and Worcester County have commanded the attention of Mr. LeDoux for many years. He has held the office of fire warden, chief of the fire department, member of the department of public welfare, and served as a police officer for several years. When he became fire warden the condition of the fire department was not satisfactory, but under his administration modern fire-fighting apparatus was installed and during his chieftancy of the fire department many improvements were added, these including modern equipment, ample firehose and fire extinguishers.

In 1923 he was first elected to the board of selectmen, and he has since enjoyed successive reëlections, being now chairman of the board for seven years. In the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association he was appointed a member of a committee of four to organize every county in the State and thus bring its selectmen into membership. At the end of nine months, after they had started this work, they had completed it one hundred per cent. In 1927 he was elected president of the Worcester County Selectmen's Association. He was appointed a member of the committee on the Brookfield River project and acted as its secretary, the other members being from West Brookfield, Brookfield, and Warren. In 1920 he was named on the committee in connection with the proposition of separation from the town of Brookfield. He has been affiliated with the Société St. Jean Baptiste for twenty years and holds the office of president and he is a member and Past Sachem of Lassawa Tribe, No. 139, Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. LeDoux married, June 25, 1906, Emma Boucher, of North Brookfield, and their children are: Arthur Leo, Armend A., Beatrice and George Edward. Mr. LeDoux's fellow-citizens look upon him as a self-made man, one who has overcome numerous difficulties that early beset his pathway and has now accumulated a competence. He is known as a generous, kind-hearted man, unselfish in spirit and the dispenser of a practical charity from an ever-open purse. His efforts in behalf of East Brookfield's past and present spell much for the future comfort and welfare of those who shall come on the scene of action.

WILLIAM FRANK BUTLER—For more than three decades William Frank Butler has been engaged in the important and inspiring task of the educator, and since 1925 he has been principal of the Lamartine Street School in Worcester, one of the largest in the city.

William Frank Butler was born in Ireland, July 14, 1878, son of John Butler, who during most of his active life was employed by the American Steel and Wire Company, of Worcester, and of Mary (Looney) Butler. As a boy Mr. Butler attended the public schools of Worcester, finishing his grammar school course at the Belmont School, under the late A. G. Lewis. He was graduated from the Classical High School in 1896 and then, as he had chosen the teaching profession as his life work, entered the State Normal School at Worcester, where he completed his course with graduation in 1899. During this period E. Harlow Russel was principal of the Normal School and there are many who count themselves fortunate to have had the privilege of working under the guid-

ance and the inspiring influence of such a man. Mr. Butler is one of those who feel that they owe much to the high ideals for the teaching profession held by Mr. Russel and to the influence which he exerted over those with whom he came in contact. In the fall of 1899 Mr. Butler began his work as a teacher, accepting a position in the Grammar School at Quinsigamond Village, under Principal R. H. Mooney. Here he remained for a period of six years, at the end of which time, in 1905, he was transferred to the new Woodland Street School as "head teacher." In 1909 he was made principal of the Edgeworth Street Grammar School, where he served most efficiently until 1918. In that year he was transferred to the Belmont Street Grammar School, which he served as principal until 1925. Then, as Mr. Mooney was retiring, Mr. Butler was appointed to take his place as principal of one of the largest schools of the city, the Lamartine Street School, containing thirty rooms and providing accommodations for more than a thousand pupils. Here Mr. Butler has continued to the present time and his wide experience within the city limits has given him a thorough knowledge of the general characteristics of the various racial groups in the different sections of the city. All of these he has found interesting and eager to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the public schools, and to all of these groups Mr. Butler has given his best, knowing that no higher contribution can be given to one's community and country than wise guidance of its youth. Like the revered Principal Russel of his Normal student days, Mr. Butler holds the highest ideals of service in the teaching profession and, like his old principal, he steadily works at the task of making those ideals "real." To make the dreams of idealistic youth come true is a life task, and when such realization means inspiring high dreams and high endeavor in successive groups of the youth of the land, no higher service can be rendered. Mr. Butler is a keen judge of character and his varied experience with the young of the city of Worcester has enabled him to estimate truly the home influences and the general environment of various groups and of individuals under his care. He is enthusiastic and thoroughly devoted to his work, and much of the inspiration of his old principal, Mr. Russel is still living and acting in the work of Mr. Butler.

Mr. Butler is a member of the Worcester Principals' Club, Worcester Teachers' Association, Massachusetts Elementary Principals' Association, National Education Association, the Economic Club of Worcester, the Drama Club, and the Knights of Columbus, which he serves as treasurer.

William Frank Butler married, June 27, 1911, Marcella G. McCabe, whom he met while she was teaching in the Edgeworth Street School, of which he was principal. Mrs. Butler was born in Worcester, daughter of John and Mary (Flanagan) McCabe, attended the public schools of the city, and was graduated from the Worcester State Normal School, after which she taught in Worcester for a number of years. She died in Worcester September 12, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Butler became the parents of one son, William Francis Butler, Jr., who was born in Worcester in 1913. He attended the public schools of Worcester, graduating from North High School, and is now taking a course in chemistry in Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

MAURICE E. TULLER—For more than a decade Maurice E. Tuller has been associated with the automobile sales industry of Worcester and has also taken a prominent part in the development of the section of the city in which he makes his home. He was born at Auburn, New York, August 15, 1891, and received his education in the Auburn public schools and Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. His college days over, Mr. Tuller went into the automobile trade as a salesman of several fine cars and had progressed rapidly and far by 1918. In March of that year he sold out his business and enlisted in the aviation service of his country for the duration of the World War. He won the rank of second lieutenant and was a permanent officer at Talliaferro Field, Fort Worth, Texas, during most of the period that the United States was engaged in the conflict.

Receiving his honorable discharge in January, 1919, Mr. Tuller returned to civilian life and the automobile business. He was first at Hartford, Connecticut, connected with the Franklin Automobile Company. In the spring of 1922, he came to Worcester and organized the M. E. Tuller Company, representing the Nash Automobile Company in the city, with headquarters at No. 745 Main Street. He obtained a substantial success, which was reflected in a modern and beautiful plant and sales rooms which he has had constructed. This was completed in May, 1928, and occupies an entire corner at No. 6 Park Avenue, a two-story brick and stone Gothic building. In 1932, the M. E. Tuller Company was incorporated, of which he is the president and treasurer. He is also the president and treasurer of the Nash-Springfield Company, of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Mr. Tuller has never permitted business to engage the whole of his time or interest. He is a member of the Worcester Country Club, the University Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club, and the Players Club, all of Worcester. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Auburn, New York, Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. One of the chief recreations of Mr. Tuller is horseback riding, keeping his own stable of saddle horses.

On June 21, 1924, Maurice E. Tuller married Marion M. Cook, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Ann Ellison, born April 30, 1925. 2. Robert Ellison, born March 25, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Tuller reside at No. 12 Tuller Road, a street named in Mr. Tuller's honor.

GEORGE ANDREW PUTNEY—For all his business life, George A. Putney has been identified with practical merchandising, having advanced from owner of a general store to local representative of Armour and Company at Spencer. He is well known to the trade throughout his territory. Of the town of East Brookfield, where he has his residence, he has served as clerk for more than ten years. He is also prominent in the affairs of the Republican Town Committee.

Born in Charlton, December 12, 1882, George Andrew Putney is the son of Albert Andrew and Frances E. Putney, the former a farmer and keeper of a general store. After passing through the public schools of Charlton and East Brookfield, he entered the Brookfield High School, where he studied two years. He followed with a course at Hinman's Business College, Worcester, where he was graduated in the class of 1899. In 1902, or

three years after he left college, he purchased a general store and was its proprietor for sixteen years. In 1918 he became associated with Armour and Company in the capacity of salesman and continued in this capacity until 1930. In the latter year he was made a sub-agency manager for the same company and has since been retained in this position at Spencer. He is a member of the Armour Oval Label Club.

For many years Mr. Putney has been interested in practical politics and the public service from the Republicans' standpoint. He is a member of the board of registrars of voters, a trustee of the Public Library, and in 1921 was elected first town clerk of East Brookfield, having served in the latter office continuously since. He is also treasurer and clerk of the Republican Town Committee of East Brookfield. Prominent in fraternal organizations, he is affiliated with Hayden Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; Lassawa Tribe, No. 139, Improved Order of Red Men, in which he was Keeper of Wampum for twenty years, has held the office of Sachem, and has served on the Great Board of Appeals; Good Will Lodge, No. 181, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Ionic Chapter, No. 102, Order of the Eastern Star; and Worcester Council, No. 136, United Commercial Travelers. He is a member of the East Brookfield Baptist Church, which he has served as treasurer for sixteen years. During the World War period, he was chairman of the Massachusetts Local Fuel Emergency Committee, chairman of all the Liberty Loan campaign committees in East Brookfield and chairman of all the local Young Men's Christian Association campaigns for funds.

Mr. Putney married, September 8, 1909, at East Brookfield, Elsie M. Stratton, daughter of Richard V. and Mary D. (Peirce) Stratton, both her parents natives of Worcester County. Mr. and Mrs. Putney have a son, George Andrew Putney, Jr., born December 14, 1914.

HARRISON GREENWOOD—As treasurer of the Gardner Coöperative Bank since 1900, Harrison Greenwood has done much to advance the interests of this institution, reputed to be one of the largest and strongest of its type in the State. Mr. Greenwood is also at the head of the largest fire and casualty insurance agency in Gardner, in which town he is regarded as one of the most substantial citizens.

The Gardner Coöperative Bank was founded and incorporated in 1889, the actual founder having been James L. Stiles, who was the prime mover in bringing the organization into existence. The first president of the bank was Augustus Knowlton; vice-president, George W. Garland; and secretary and treasurer, William W. Tandy. The bank occupies its own building, which it erected at No. 33 Pleasant Street in 1928, and it is declared to be a model modern bank building. Since his election as treasurer Mr. Greenwood has had charge of the bank's affairs, and under his administration, the institution has enjoyed its most remarkable period of growth.

Mr. Greenwood's father and mother, Alson J. and Martha G. (Moulton) Greenwood, were natives of Hubbardston, Massachusetts, where they reared their family. The father was a farmer and lumberman and active in town affairs, having served as selectman, overseer of the poor, assessor, and in other offices. He was looked upon as a progressive citizen and was active in the work of the Unitarian Church. He was the father of five children: 1. Dr. Sewell E. Greenwood, graduated from Harvard University; practiced medicine at Templeton, Massachusetts. 2. Silas A. Greenwood, engaged in the insurance business in Winchendon, Worcester County, and was an associate of his brother Harrison in the insurance business in Gardner. He is now deceased. 3. Arthur D. Greenwood, carried on farming operations on the old homestead in Hubbardston. He is now deceased. 4. Grace, married Ernest A. Woodard, of Hubbardston. 5. Harrison, of whom further.

Harrison Greenwood was born in Hubbardston, August 31, 1863, and, after completing his education in the public schools, came to Gardner, where he was employed as shipping clerk by S. Bent and Brothers, Inc., for ten years. He later spent three years in the office of the S. K. Pierce Company, manufacturers of chairs. In 1895 he and his brother, Silas A., joined in engaging in the insurance business, in which he has since continued under the style of S. A. Greenwood and Son, in connection with his duties as treasurer of the Gardner Coöperative Bank. They also established an agency office in Winchendon in 1876. The firm handles practically all classes of insurance with the exception of life. Mr. Greenwood is the representative of twenty-seven insurance companies, among them being the Aetna, of Hartford, Connecticut; Fidelity-Phoenix, of New York; Liverpool and London and Globe, of England; North British; Mercantile; Pennsylvania; Providence-Washington; Springfield Fire and Marine; and Royal. The Greenwood agency has prospered to the point where it is the leading office of the kind in Gardner.

Mr. Greenwood is a member of the Massachusetts Coöperative Bank League, in whose proceedings he has been active, the Massachusetts Insurance Agents Association and the National Association of Insurance Agents. He is a director of the Gardner Trust Company, a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and affiliates with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons (Past Master); Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; Improved Order of Red Men, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Ridgley Club, and the Unitarian Church.

Harrison Greenwood married, July 15, 1885, at Hubbardston, Massachusetts, Alice M. Priest, who was born in Delaware. Their children are: 1. Howard P., married Jessie Stevens, and their children are Willard and Barbara. He was associated with his father in business. He died in 1918 at the age of thirty-six years. 2. Grace, married Lester H. Carter, of Gardner, and has children, Howard and Constance. The Harrison Greenwood family residence is at No. 36 Kendall Street, and his business address is at 33 Pleasant Street, Gardner.

CHARLES METCALF ALLEN—In the field of hydraulic engineering, no name in the United States is more authoritative than that of Professor Charles Metcalf Allen, who has been identified with Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Harrison Greenwood.

since 1894 and under whose leadership the Alden Hydraulic Laboratory at Holden, a laboratory of the institute, has become one of the best known in the country.

Charles Metcalf Allen was born in Walpole, Massachusetts, December 12, 1871, son of Melzar Waterman and Martha (Metcalf) Allen and a descendant of Lewis Allen, one of the pioneer settlers of Watertown Farms (now called Weston), Massachusetts, who is believed to have come to this country from Wales, is first on record at Watertown Farms in 1665, and who died there, January 24, 1708. Lewis Allen married (first) Sarah Ives; (second) Mrs. Mary (Sherman) Freeman. The line descends through Abel, fourth child of the first marriage, who was born September 16, 1669, at Watertown Farms, spent his life there, and died in 1756; he married (first) Sarah, who died September 18, 1736, mother of ten children; (second), in 1738, Elizabeth Shepherd. Robert Allen, oldest child of Abel and Sarah Allen, was born January 21, 1694, and died in what is now Walpole, October 13, 1778; he bought, in 1772, eighty-seven acres of land on the Neponset River (in what is now Walpole), later lived on a farm near Walpole, willed to his second wife by her father, Daniel Fisher; he married (first), January 4, 1727, Elizabeth Fales, and they had three daughters; (second), April 20, 1738, Ruth Fisher, who was born in Dedham, Massachusetts, June 10, 1706, and died in Walpole, November 3, 1770, daughter of Daniel and Esther Fisher, and they had six children. Joshua Allen, second child and oldest son of Robert and Ruth (Fisher) Allen, born in Walpole, January 28, 1742, died there September 30, 1841, was a farmer and carpenter and spent all his life in Walpole. On April 19, 1775, he marched to Cambridge on the Lexington alarm and served in the Revolution in 1776; he married, December 11, 1766, Patience Ide, who died in Walpole, May 16, 1821, aged seventy-three; they had five children, all born in Walpole: Ruth, Daniel, Sarah, Jacob, and Samuel. Of these, Daniel Allen, born February 9, 1770, died in Walpole, January 16, 1855, was a farmer and market man. Among his children was Lemuel Allen, born in Walpole in 1801, who married, September 8, 1831, Adeline Fisher, and among their children was Melzar Waterman Allen.

Melzar Waterman Allen was born in Walpole, December 7, 1840, attended the local public schools and then learned the carpenter's trade. Later, he engaged in business as a contractor and builder in Walpole, where he spent his entire life. During the Civil War he served in the 23d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He married Martha Metcalf, a native of Maine, daughter of Joseph and Chloe Fales (Adams) Metcalf; the latter a native of Norfolk County, Massachusetts, and a member of the well-known Adams family of that section, lived to be more than a hundred years old. Melzar Waterman and Martha (Metcalf) Allen had six children, all born in Walpole: 1. John Stetson, who carried on his father's contracting business. 2. Bernard Melzar, who is a professor in Cheshire Academy, in Connecticut. 3. Charles Metcalf, of further mention. 4. Philip Ray, who is president of the Bird Company, of Walpole; a director of the Boston and Maine Railroad; and a member of the Federal Reserve Board. 5. Frederic Winthrop, who is identified with the Lee, Higginson Company, of New York City. 6. Emily Rebecca, who married the Rev. John I. Keedy, of Keedysville, Maryland.

Charles Metcalf Allen attended the public schools of Walpole and then entered the mechanical engineering department of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in 1894, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. Later, in 1899, he received the degree of Master of Science and, in 1929, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the engineering field, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering. After graduation in 1894 he continued his studies at the institute, taking post-graduate courses for one year and assisting the instructor in the mechanical laboratory. In 1895 he assisted in the mechanical and engineering laboratories, and took up experimental work, of which he was later placed in charge, serving as assistant professor of experimental engineering from 1902 to 1906 and as professor of the same from 1906 to 1909, when he was made professor of hydraulic engineering. Meantime, the development of water power and electric transmission had caused the institute to give increasing attention to hydraulic engineering, and Professor Allen had been teaching hydraulics. The experimental work had been steadily growing, and better facilities were needed for its development. Through the influence of Professor George I. Alden, head of the department of mechanical engineering, Stephen Salisbury, who had already been a generous benefactor of the institute, donated to the institute a parcel of land located at Chaffinsville, Holden, which, because of its slope and its water supply, was ideal for the type of work that the department of hydraulic engineering wished to do. This and the small building erected upon it formed the beginning of the Alden Hydraulic Laboratory. To this laboratory the experimental hydraulic work of the institute was transferred. The excellence of the experimental tests made there attracted much attention and Professor Allen was called to various parts of the country to test wheels already in use and to test others for installment. The commercial work brought to the institute kept pace with Professor Allen's increasing reputation, and as he became recognized as one of the outstanding authorities in the field of hydraulic engineering, the experimental work of the Alden Hydraulic Laboratory soon outgrew its original small quarters. Funds were provided for all sorts of hydraulic work, and the combination of location, equipment, abundant water power, and the ability and reputation of Professor Allen eventually made the Alden Hydraulic Laboratory one of the best known and most useful in the country.

One of the most interesting developments of the work there is the model testing done for engineering corporations. Exact, small scale models of power plant, dam, wheel, pit, spillway, etc., are made and water is sent through so that careful check may be made as to efficiency of design and economy of construction. For example: The Stone and Webster Corporation took the contract for the Rock Island hydraulic development, the power site of which is located on the Columbia River, about thirteen miles below Wenatchee, Washington, where the river is divided into two channels by Rock Island. Here two dams across both channels of the river are being built. A complete

description of the situation and of the proposed construction was given to the Alden Hydraulic Laboratory by the corporation. Near the laboratory a complete model of the Columbia River, about a mile long and a half-mile wide, in the vicinity of Rock Island was made in a ratio of 1 to 100, and a complete set of models of dams, spillways, power house sections, fish ladders, etc. were made at the laboratory and installed. Then experiments were made to determine such questions as the amount of water flowing by each side of the island and the drop of the river from one end to the other, the type of apron best suited to those special conditions. Coffer dams were built and installed to determine the proper height of coffer dams for flood conditions in that particular situation.

During the year 1930, the Alden Hydraulic Laboratory made tests for nine of the twenty-six most important hydraulic projects listed in the January number of "Power" having a total of about 2,200,000 horsepower. The total installed capacity of the nine projects on which model tests were made at the laboratory was about 1,100,000, or about fifty per cent. of the rated capacity of the twenty-six installments. In all its model testing the aim of the laboratory is to determine efficiency of design and economy of construction.

Improvements and additions are constantly being made. In 1929, a new basement excavated to give more room for model dam tests was scarcely finished, when the Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation wanted a five-foot-plate-glass flume for various tests, especially tests on the spillway models of the Osage development in Missouri. During the summer a 30-foot tile drain pipe was put in from the weighing tank discharge to a point 100 feet downstream, where five-foot concrete channels parallel the river for some distance. In the same year the Alden Fund Trustees gave the laboratory $25,000 for improvements and new equipment. Two dwelling houses and a 130-acre parcel of land lying next to that already owned were purchased, and the institute now owns 250 acres of land and flowage rights on three ponds having a total pond area of about 250 acres more, practically owning the river from headwaters to the Metropolitan Water Works' territory.

Through all this growth Professor Allen has been a controlling and inspiring factor. The motto chosen for the laboratory, "When you are through changing, you are through," has been well exemplified in the work of Dr. Allen, and, with all his professional responsibilities, he has found time to invent five devices including current meter rating stations, a water wheel flow recorder, and a salt velocity method of water measurement. He is also the author of numerous articles on hydraulics, including: "Testing of Water Wheels After Installation," "Draft Tube Tests," "Turbine Flow Recorder," "Efficiency of Gear Drives," and "The Salt Velocity Method of Water Measurement." He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Worcester Engineering Society, the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, of which he is now a vice-president, the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, of which he is a past president. His recreation is farming, and he is a member of the Engineers Club of Boston. Politically, he is a Republican, and his religious affiliation is with the Congregational Church.

Charles Metcalf Allen married, in Worcester, in 1907, Eva May Taylor, of Worcester, daughter of Lucian A. Taylor, a well-known civil engineer, who had his offices in Boston and was at one time water commissioner of Worcester, and of Jeanette (Arnold) Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have three children, all born in Worcester: 1. Virginia, born April 29, 1911, graduated from Worcester High School and took a secretarial course in the Katharine Gibbs School of Boston. 2. Lucian Taylor, born January 21, 1915, is a student in Deerfield Academy. 3. Jeanette, born December 11, 1917, is attending Worcester High School.

GRAHAM BLANDY—As resident manager of the Worcester division of the Charles A. Estey Paper Company, Graham Blandy is in charge of an important branch of one of the largest corporations of its kind in New England. He has devoted the greater part of his active career to the paper industry and is well qualified to fill the position which he holds.

Mr. Blandy was born at Bennington, Vermont, on November 9, 1891, a son of Isaac C. and Charlotte (Bullions) Blandy. For many years his father was engaged as a paper manufacturer in Bennington, Vermont, and was also active in public affairs in that State. As a prominent Democrat he was nominated by his party for the office of United States Congressman. Subsequently he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, held in Denver in 1908, which nominated Bryan for the Presidency.

When Graham Blandy was five years old, he removed with his parents to Greenwich, New York. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of that place and at a boarding school in Hoosac, New York. Subsequently he entered Williams College. In 1912 he began his active career in the employ of the Dennison Manufacturing Company at Framingham, Massachusetts. After thirteen months he resigned to become connected with the St. Croix Paper Company at Woodland, Maine, remaining for a period of eight months. At the end of that time he joined the organization of the American Writing Paper Company at Holyoke, Massachusetts, but after seven months returned to New York, where he became associated with his father in business. From then until 1917 he continued with his father and with the American Wood Board Company at Schuylerville, New York.

When the United States entered the World War, Mr. Blandy enlisted for active service. He went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces and was stationed at the Base Hospital in Portsmouth, England, until after the signing of the Armistice. He received his honorable discharge from the service in March, 1919 and returned to his father's business. In June, 1920, he came to Worcester, entering the employ of the Charles Estey Paper Company, with which he has since been connected. In 1921 he was elected secretary. In 1928 this company was merged with the Carter, Rice and Company Corporation and at that time Mr. Blandy was appointed resident manager of the Worcester division. They are distributors of all kinds of paper and twine, occupying a preëminent

position in their field in New England. Mr. Blandy is a director of the Carter, Rice and Company Corporation and of the American Wood Board Company. He is widely experienced in the industry, with which he has been connected for more than twenty years, and has made a very successful record.

At Worcester, Mr. Blandy is a member of the University Club and has been active in various phases of the city's social life. He is also a member of the Williams Alumni Association of Worcester County and the Quinsigamond Boat Club and is affiliated fraternally with Ashlar Lodge, No. 584, Free and Accepted Masons, at Greenwich, New York.

On June 27, 1917, Mr. Blandy married Leonice Brockway Morse, of Bath, Maine. They are the parents of three children: 1. Leonice Charlotte, born November 23, 1918. 2. Barbara, born December 18, 1919. 3. Graham, III, born October 6, 1924. The family residence is at No. 21 Westland Street, Worcester.

CHARLES FREDERICK KOPPEL—The hotel business has been raised to a profession by Charles F. Koppel, proprietor of the Brookfield Inn at Brookfield, one of the best conducted hostelries in the State. With wide experience gained in working in or managing hotels in six countries, he arrived in Brookfield some twenty years ago, and has since entrenched himself in the favor of the public.

Born in Bingen-on-the-Rhine, Germany, October 27, 1874, Charles Frederick Koppel is the son of Hermann and Katharine Koppel, the former a wine producer in his native land. At the age of fourteen he completed his education, which had been received in schools of Germany and England. In the same year he engaged himself as an apprentice to learn the hotel business at the Rheinischer Hof and, after finishing his bound term, he worked in hotels in Scotland, England, Switzerland, France, Italy and Egypt. He finally located at Blackpool, England, where he was installed as manager of the Palatine Hotel, in which he eventually came to own a considerable quantity of stock. At Blackpool, a resort popular in winter as well as in summer, he remained twenty years, and but for the coming on of the World War he might still be there. But Mr. Koppel was a German-born British subject, and the feeling against all persons of Teutonic blood or sympathies having begun to run high in Great Britain, he decided to leave England.

In 1914 he arrived in America and went to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was manager of the Cooley Hotel for about a year. In 1915 he came to Brookfield, purchased the Brookfield Inn, and of this hostelry he has since been the owner and manager. In 1926 he purchased the old Howes mansion and remodeled it into what is known as the Annex of the Inn, keeping both houses open in the summer. He has developed the establishment into one of the most popular hotels in New England. It is all modernly equipped and furnished, the rooms and appointments being the equal in quality of those to be had in the best city hotels. The cuisine and menu are also the best that the market and a skilled staff can provide. Added to this is the excellent personal management which is given by Mr. Koppel. Many persons of note have been guests at the Brookfield, among them former President Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge, who stopped there on several occasions; Henry Ford, of automobile industry fame; Harvey J. Firestone, the tire king; William Burroughs, the naturalist; Thomas A. Edison, the Wizard of Menlo Park; and Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his party, when the former was stumping the State in his campaign for President in the fall of 1932. Others who might be classed among the celebrities have been entertained at the inn, and with the rest would add their word of pleasure for having come under the manager's magic spell as a host without a peer. Mr. Koppel is a member of the Massachusetts Hotelmen's Association, New England Hotelmen's Association, and American Hotel Keepers' Association, and enjoys his affiliation with these bodies.

Active in the civic affairs of the community, in which he has always manifested a keen interest since taking residence in the town, Mr. Koppel has been instrumental in the development and upkeep of good roads here. He served as a member of the board of selectmen for three years and is a member of the Republican Town Committee. His fraternal alliances include Hayden Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Worcester; Boston Consistory of the Scottish Rite; Melha Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Springfield; and Worcester Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Lions Club of Worcester and of the Unitarian Church, Brookfield.

Mr. Koppel married, November 11, 1908, Lydia Brooks, of Derby, England. She is a member of the Congregational Church at Brookfield, and both she and her husband have a large following of friends in the town.

CAPTAIN STARR SEDGWICK EATON—Among the many able and talented young men who, during the late World War gave "the last full measure of devotion," surrendering their lives in action after winning well-earned citations for bravery, is Captain Starr Sedgwick Eaton, captain of Company I, 23d Infantry, who was killed in action in the clearing of the St. Mihiel salient and is buried at Thiaucourt, France.

Captain Starr Sedgwick Eaton was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Easter Sunday, April 2, 1893, and was killed in action September 14, 1918, son of the Rev. Ephraim L. Eaton, a Methodist minister who was also a lecturer and a writer on many subjects, including astronomy, and of Louise (Bates) Eaton. On the paternal side Captain Eaton was a descendant of Francis Eaton of the "Mayflower." As a boy he attended the public schools in the various places in which his father was located as a minister of the Methodist Church, including Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Evanston, Illinois, and later he entered the University of Wisconsin for a two-year course in agriculture. After graduating from the two-year course he remained in the university for another year, taking several academic courses. Meantime, during his university years, he had become interested in military affairs, had been made a cadet lieutenant in 1914 and had served as cadet captain in 1915 and 1916. In May, 1915, he enlisted in the National Guard of Wisconsin, was rapidly advanced from private to corporal, then to sergeant, and went to

the Mexican Border in June, 1916, remaining there at Camp Wilson, Texas, until November, 1916, during which entire time he took care of the duties of company clerk in addition to his responsibilities as sergeant. Meantime, in 1915, he had qualified as an expert rifleman, had become a member of the State championship indoor rifle team in 1916, and had won the medal offered to the best drilled private in a "drill down" competition in January, 1916. He was expert with both pistol and revolver and was one of the few who could shoot expertly with either hand. He had now become deeply interested in military affairs and was working and studying for a commission in the regular service. He successfully passed the examinations and in March, 1917, received his commission as second lieutenant in the Regular Army. He was sent at once to Fort Leavenworth for three months of intensive training, was assigned to the 23d Infantry, then at Syracuse, New York, and was soon promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. In September, 1917, he was transferred to the 49th United States Infantry and ordered to Camp Merritt, Cresskill, New Jersey. The old 23d Regiment, United States Infantry, was already in France. Lieutenant Eaton was promoted to the rank of captain, transferred back to the 23d Regiment, and ordered to report for duty in France at once. On May 1, 1918, he left Camp Merritt in command of four hundred "casuals" or replacements for the 23d Regiment which he was to join in France. He joined his regiment at Verdun and was immediately placed in command of Company L.

During his brief time at the front Captain Eaton was awarded both the American Distinguished Service Cross and the French Croix de Guerre. For the first the citation is as follows:

> For extraordinary heroism in action near Chateau Thierry, France, July 1, 1918, Captain Eaton displayed notable coolness and courage during the attack by his company, winning a brilliant success and capturing a large number of prisoners and a quantity of enemy munitions. After obtaining his objective he personally led a small detachment against a hostile machine gun and silenced it, capturing in person the machine gunners and destroying the nest.

Accompanying the Croix de Guerre, awarded Captain Eaton by the French Government, is the following citation:

> July 18, 1918, during the attack of Vaux Castille and Vierzy, he distinguished himself by his bravery, by maintaniing liaison with the French division on his right. He then voluntarily rejoined the battalion which had advanced and occupied a position which was greatly exposed.

Captain Eaton was killed in action September 14, 1918, in the clearing of the St. Mihiel salient and was buried at Thiaucourt. Thus passed, in noble service to his country and in devotion to a high ideal, one of the many young lives which have been freely offered in the cause of freedom and justice.

In addition to his absorbing interest in military affairs, Captain Eaton was interested in welfare and uplift work. He joined the North Avenue Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on his twelfth birthday, and later became a charter member of the Wesley Foundation Methodist Church at Madison, Wisconsin, which church has erected a memorial room for him.

Captain Starr Sedgwick Eaton married, in Old South Church, Worcester, April 14, 1918, Louise Katherine Sprague, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of Gorham S. and Almeda Belle (Eldridge) Sprague. Through her grandfather, Caleb Sprague, Mrs. Eaton traces descent from the old family of that name in Hingham, Massachusetts; through her father's mother, born Gorham, she comes from the old family of that name on Cape Cod. She is also a descendant of John Howland and John Tilley of the "Mayflower." Mrs. Eaton attended the public schools of Pittsburgh, later was graduated from Clinton High School at Clinton, Massachusetts, and then entered the Leland Powers School of the Spoken Word, at Boston, from which she was graduated. Her chief interest is in speech and the drama, and she is doing a splendid work in that field. She has a studio for voice and expression, is public reader and interpreter of plays, gives courses in the Young Women's Christian Association, lectures at the State College on voice, drama, and acting, serves as dramatic coach for numerous organizations, and for several years has served as minister of religious drama at Old South Church, Worcester. Mrs. Eaton is a life member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a life member of the Worcester Women's Club, and an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She makes her home at No. 100 June Street, and has her studio at No. 544 Day Building.

AXEL MAURITZ ROSENLUND—As a representative of steamship companies in arranging the passage of persons and groups of tourists to foreign countries and as a member of the banking profession, Axel M. Rosenlund has taken his place among the leaders in these lines in Worcester. A former newspaperman, he is now the head of the Rosenlund Ticket Agency and Travel Bureau and teller of the Mechanics National Bank. He is also active in Republican affairs in Worcester and Massachusetts.

Axel Mauritz Rosenlund was born in Helsingborg, Sweden, August 19, 1884, the son of August and Amelia (Axell) Rosenlund and received his education in the public schools of the homeland. In 1903 he came alone to America and took up his residence in Worcester. To this city also came his parents in 1928. He went to work as a bookkeeper in the business office of "Skandinavia," a newspaper published at that time in Worcester, and was promoted to assistant editor and manager. He continued with this paper until 1918, in which year it merged with the Swedish newspaper, "Svea," and he resigned. It was then that he became associated with the Mechanics National Bank, first as a bookkeeper and later, by promotion, as teller, which post he has since filled.

Mr. Rosenlund established his ticket agency and travel bureau in 1916. His connections include the leading steamship companies and he has built a large and profitable business. Hundreds of clients have passed through his office, to repeat his praises and thus add to the reputation of the bureau for the fine service it renders.

He has taken an active part in Republican political proceedings, and held the office of secretary in the Swedish-American Republican League of Massachusetts for some time. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templar; Thule Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Order of Vasa; Quin-

sigamond Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars; and a number of other societies.

Mr. Rosenlund married, October 10, 1911, Esther Elizabeth Svenson, a native of Sweden, and their children are: 1. Evelyn, born August 8, 1912. 2. Iver Theodore, born July 8, 1914. The family lives at No. 16 Dayton Street, and Mr. Rosenlund's travel bureau is at No. 311 Main Street, Worcester.

AMERICAN OPTICAL COMPANY—Four out of every ten persons in the United States own glasses, and seven out of every ten need aids to their vision. These significant facts form the background against which the rise and growth of the American Optical Manufacturing Company, of Southbridge, stands out. It is the oldest optical company in the country, and one of the largest in the world. Ingenious and courageous men laid the foundations of the industry, and great men have builded well upon these foundations. In 1933 the American Optical Company celebrated a century of progress; during this hundred years three generations of the Wells family have led the company for eighty-two years.

Eyeglasses or spectacles have been in use for many decades. A forerunner of the very modern bifocal was made by Benjamin Franklin in the late 1700's by the simple process of cutting lenses of different powers in halves and mounting them together. Unfortunately spectacles, for which the Americans depended upon foreign countries, were so costly as to be in the luxury class. In 1826 William Beecher, a native of Southbury, Connecticut, born in 1805, came to Southbridge, Massachusetts, to start a jewelry and watch business and, possibly, to give rein to his Yankee ingenuity. He believed that New England workmen could make spectacles fit to compete with the expensive foreign variety and branched out along this line in 1833. Silver was used for frames because it was so readily worked, but it had many obvious disadvantages. No particular progress was made during the first Biblical seven years of what was to be the great American Optical Company. In 1840 Beecher sold his business to Ammidown and Putney, remaining a year in the employ of this firm to teach what he knew. In 1842 the concern was owned by Holdridge Ammidown and his son, L. H.; Robert H. Cole, in 1849, came in to form Ammidown and Company. In 1851 Mr. Beecher purchased an interest in the business, then controlled by L. H. Ammidown and R. H. Cole. Hiram C. Wells joined the firm in 1852, the first of many members of the Wells family associated continuously with the industry to the present day. William Beecher retired in 1862, and the firm became Robert H. Cole and Company.

Southbridge might well have disappeared from the map as a spectacle making center if an inexpensive method of making steel-rimmed glasses had not been worked out. The layman may not realize that steel-framed spectacles outranked all others in demand for more than sixty years. In 1843 the first steel spectacles were made in America by William Beecher in Southbridge. No great fortune came from this advance, because it was still the policy of Old World countries to discourage any progress at manufacturing in the United States by dumping its competing products in this country, until it had smothered the newborn industry. Not until America learned to use the tariff, was the spectacle business, and many other industries, able to survive sufficiently long to be able to meet all competition. Gold rimmed glasses were made in 1848.

The Southbridge optical industry was still a comparatively puny infant as late as 1864, when George W. Wells, a lad of eighteen, entered the employ of Robert H. Cole and Company. He was a genius in mechanics and in many other fields, an inventor with sound business sense. Instead of having to serve a long apprenticeship he made complete spectacles within a month, a thing no other worker ever did except William Beecher. Like any other young man who learns and does things easily, he had little patience for lack of progress and promotion. He went with another firm in the village and returned again to the Cole Company, and when he reached the mature age of twenty-one, quit the business and went to California where he soon was manager of a large machine-building plant. In August, 1867, he was persuaded to return to Southbridge to work for R. H. Cole and Company, but left it from time to time to find scope for his ideas and energies in other optical shops. Then came a chance to buy the controlling interest in H. C. Ammidown and Company, wherein he became associated with his oldest brother, Hiram C. Wells and C. S. Edmonds. The Cole concern offered him a partnership to include Hiram C. Wells also, and negotiations led to the merging of all interests and incorporation under the name, American Optical Company.

George W. Wells was twenty-three years old at this time, and throughout his long connection with the company he was one of the chief contributors to its growth and success. There seemed to be no manufacturing problem that he could not solve.

Some of the very machines he built at that time are in partial use today. Most of the principles he developed are still the basic principles of certain methods of manufacture throughout the optical industry.

He discovered a new method of edging split bifocal lenses. He made eccentric rolls, to taper spectacle stock, he built the first lens cutting machine, even now only slightly modified, he built an apparatus for fitting in endpieces, another for automatic milling and tapping of spectacle endpieces, another for jumping and forming spectacle bridges and many other developments to shorten and improve the method of manufacture.

The American Optical Company was organized on February 26, 1869, "to manufacture and sell spectacles of gold, silver, steel and plated metals, also rings and thimbles, and such other articles as said company may from time to time desire to make." R. H. Cole was made president, an office he held until his retirement in 1891; George W. Wells was clerk (secretary), and E. M. Cole treasurer. The other members of the corporation were, Hiram C. Wells, A. M. Cheney and C. S. Edmonds. George W. Wells was in charge of the manufacturing and distribution departments of the business, and more or less continued in this responsibility until his sons, Channing M., Albert B., and J. Cheney, who came into the business in the early 'nineties, were able gradually to relieve him of some of his responsibilities.

The expansion of the company from its inception to the present day can only be outlined under the heads, plant, product and personnel. A new site on the Quinebaug was chosen in 1871 and a new factory built in 1872, a three-story wood affair

providing 20,700 square feet. It cost $35,000 and George W. Wells was criticized for mortgaging the future by the erection of a plant which would be too large for the company's purposes for many years. The present American Optical Company's plants are thirty-five times as large. In 1882 an ell and a wing had to be added to the building supposed to have been oversized ten years earlier. The first of the present group of modern brick structures was erected in 1900. The "New Lensdale" plant, a huge building entirely of concrete, was completed in 1910, an expansion of the "Lensdale" of 1888. It was designed and built by American Optical Company engineers under the direction of Albert B. Wells. The original "Lensdale" building, since enlarged, is the present day "Casedale." In 1933 the American Optical Company's plants covered seventeen and a half acres of floor space in some thirty-six connected structures, located on the banks of the Quinebaug River, not far from the center of the town where the company owns upwards of fifty acres, providing ideal conditions for its workers and for maintaining the high quality merchandise for which the company is noted.

The increase in products has been marked through the years, and outlines the history of the development of glasses. Not until 1874 were rimless goods made in Southbridge. In 1883 the company began making ophthalmic lenses, which heretofore had been manufactured only abroad. In 1893 the manufacture of cylinder and compound lenses was begun and the dioptric system adopted. At the beginning of the century the American Optical Company brought out the toric lens. Nine years later the research department was established by J. Cheney Wells. In 1913 the Crookes absorption lens was introduced to the American public. Then came the company's contribution to World War requirements, in the quickly invented and manufactured bomb sights, telescope sights, panoramic sights, and thousands of lenses, frames, goggles and the like. It completely equipped eight mobile optical units for the American Expeditionary Forces in France. Other improvements offered by the Southbridge works were the Lensometer, 1921; Tillyer Lens, 1925; Ful-Vue frames, 1930; and the Ful-Vue bifocals, 1931. Only the scientist and the optician can estimate the value of these changes, improvements and inventions to man's priceless faculty—eyesight.

Only the constant increase in the amount of business done made possible the extraordinary increase in the variety and perfection of products and in the number of men employed. The two dozen men who, in 1869, could turn out as much as the American Optical Company could sell, has became a close knitted force of three thousand artisans in Southbridge, and nearly as many more in all parts of the United States and other countries. There are few parts of the globe in which its products cannot be purchased. There are nearly two hundred branches in this country, nineteen in Canada, and agents in all the important nations of the world. Besides the main Southbridge plants there are others in Nicolet, Province of Quebec, and Belleville, Province of Ontario, Canada. In 1923 the national distributing organization was acquired, a group of twenty large wholesale optical houses with branch offices in every center of population. There are, today, 25,000 oculists, optometrists and opticians in the United States and Canada who use the products of the American Optical Company, and 30,000 in the world at large.

Men of ability and leadership have been the principal factors in all this growth. George W. and Hiram C. Wells, R. H. Cole, Henry Cady, Alpha Cheney and Charles Edmonds of early years, and Channing M., Albert B., and J. Cheney Wells and others since the 'nineties. George W. Wells succeeded to the presidency of the company in 1891, although he had almost complete supervision of the works from the early 1870's. Albert B. Wells spent several years mastering the lens end of the business and finally became treasurer of the company, which office he held for many years. During this time he directed most of the construction of plants and their equipment. He is now chairman of the board. J. Cheney Wells inherited his father's mechanical and inventive ability and was his father's able assistant in all manufacturing problems. He is still continuing to direct this work. He is now executive vice-president of the company. George W. Wells, like all the executives which followed him, had the wisdom to choose able lieutenants and to retain their loyalty. Channing M. Wells, after experience in nearly all departments of the business, in 1893 was leading the sales force. He has been president of the company since 1912. Among the other executives are Ira Mosher, vice-president and general manager; Francis M. Shields, vice-president in charge of manufacture; Charles O. Cozzens, vice-president in charge of sales; Edward E. Williams, treasurer; John M. Wells, secretary and manager of research; George B. Wells, assistant treasurer; W. W. Crawford, assistant treasurer; Harry C. Ray, advertising manager; Harry W. Hill, general manager of lens plants; Elmer L. Schumacher, general manager of metal plants; Walter G. Buckley, production manager of lens plants; Ercell A. Teeson, production manager of metal plants; Arthur J. Pratt, manager of case plants. American Optical Company has been a voluntary association since 1912 and the trustees are: Albert B. Wells, J. Cheney Wells, Channing M. Wells, John H. Hardin, John M. Wells, George B. Wells, C. McGregory Wells, and A. Turner Wells.

Membership in the following organizations is held by company executives for the primary purpose of keeping constantly in touch with world industrial progress: American Bar Association, American Ceramic Society, American Chemical Society, American Management Association, American Physical Society, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Better Vision Institute, Boston Credit Men's Association, Boston Patent Law Association, National Chamber of Commerce, Comptrollers Institute of America, Home Market Club, National Safety Council, National Association of Cost Accountants, National Industrial Conference Board, National Association of Manufacturers, National Society for Prevention of Blindness, Inc., New England Purchasing Agents, Optical Society of America, Southbridge Manufacturers and Merchants Association and many other associations throughout the country.

The one hundredth anniversary of the optical industry in Southbridge was celebrated fittingly in September, 1933. It was gladly admitted by speakers that the American Optical Company had been, and was, "the backbone of life in the com-

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munity for the greater part of a century" and that "the accomplishment of such firms contribute to the stability of the Nation." A fitting climax to a week of congratulations and rejoicing came in the announcement that the members of the Wells family, directing executives of the company, would establish a foundation, eventually to amount to half a million dollars, for the aid of company employees and to assist in charitable, educational and religious work. It is to be named the George W. Wells Foundation.

GEORGE W. WELLS—In 1933 Southbridge celebrated a century of the making of spectacles. Not more than three other communities in the world compare with this town in the knowledge of optical manufacturing and, as is well known, it is the site of the large plant of the American Optical Company. Three generations of the Wells family have been in the lead in this industry, covering a period of eighty-two years. For a half of this hundred years, the genius and labors of George W. Wells contributed more than any other factor to the building of the business and to raising it to the ranks of the great industries of the country.

George W. Wells was born at Woodstock, Connecticut, April 15, 1846, the youngest of a family of nine. His parents were John Ward and Maria (Cheney) Wells, and his ancestry traces back to some of the earliest colonists of New England. After attending the district school and Woodstock Academy, George W. Wells worked on his father's farm until he was sixteen, when his father was disabled and the responsibility of making the farm pay rested upon the shoulders of the sons. It soon was clear that agriculture was not the road to wealth or even comfort. George W. Wells, in 1863, started out to make a livelihood in some other vocation. He taught school in Neversink Highlands, New Jersey, for a year and then tried to enlist in the Union Army for Civil War service. Rejected because of a childhood injury to his leg, he came to Southbridge, on April 2, 1864, entering the employ of Robert H. Cole and Company as a hand in the optical shop of this concern.

Only the highlights of his career from this time need to be mentioned to reveal the genius and the indefatigable energy of Mr. Wells. He was probably the first boy to be a spectacle maker without a three years' apprenticeship. Before he was of age he had invented and made machinery for manufacturing improved spectacles, machinery in partial use even to this day. He discovered a better method of edging split bifocal lenses. He made eccentric rolls to taper spectacle stock; built the first cutting machine, still in use in a slightly modified form. He constructed an apparatus for fitting in endpieces, another for milling and tapping spectacle endpieces, another for jumping and forming spectacle bridges, and many other developments to shorten and improve methods of manufacture.

The continuity of Mr. Wells' association with the Cole Company was broken in 1867 by a trip to California, where he was soon employed in full charge of a machine shop at twice the pay he had received in Southbridge. He returned East, however, in the fall of 1867, a man now aged twenty-one and ambitious to be something more than an optical workman. He purchased control of the H. C. Ammidown Company, and the Robert H. Cole and Company promptly offered him a partnership. The result of negotiations at this time led to the merger known under the name of the American Optical Company. George W. Wells was only clerk (secretary) of the new company and only held ten per cent. of the shares issued.

The genius of Mr. Wells is forcibly attested by the wonderful growth that the American Optical Company enjoyed during his services as clerk, treasurer, and later as president and director. He was elected treasurer in 1879 and president in 1891, holding both these offices until 1903 when one of his sons was chosen treasurer. Mr. Wells gave practically all his time to the upbuilding of the American Optical Company and met with exceptional success. He created a business ranking with the leading industrial enterprises of the nation, whose products are favorably known throughout the optical trade in every country on the globe.

Mr. Wells' mechanical ability and ingenuity was shown in the many important inventions that he has given to optical art. There are recorded in the Patent Office more than thirty patents in his name. These activities directed mainly towards improving and increasing the production of optical goods, have given a great impetus to the optical industry in America.

In connection with the selling side of the American Optical Company's business, Mr. Wells traveled extensively until 1893 when he turned this work over to his eldest son, Channing M. Wells. He rendered valuable services to the optical industry in America by energetic support of protective tariff legislation, representing the American Optical Company before legislative committees of Congress. He never was an office-chair employer of labor. He had been a working man and understood them, even as they understood him. Always he had able and loyal assistants. "In the early 'nineties" as he said in later years, "I began to get valuable assistance from my sons, Channing M., Albert B., and J. Cheney Wells."

Mr. Wells was always public-spirited and took a great deal of interest in the affairs of the community. He was a member of the fire department, which he completely reorganized. He looked into the matter of a water supply and was one of the founders of the Southbridge Water Company. Later he was a leader in the introduction of gas, electricity and street railways. His religious affiliations were with the Baptist Church, and for a considerable period he was a member of its choir and at all times a generous supporter of religious and welfare activities. During the first eleven years of the Southbridge Young Men's Christian Association he served as its president and later stood strongly behind its work. In July, 1898, he was appointed by Governor Wolcott and reappointed by Governor Crane a trustee of the Worcester Insane Asylum. He was a Mason, member of the local lodge and the Worcester Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Perhaps the best method of showing Mr. Wells' prominence in all kinds of circles is to list some of the offices he held, which included: President of the American Optical Company, Harrington Cutlery Company, Central Mills Company, Southbridge National Bank, Home Market Club of Boston; director of the American Optical Company, Southbridge Water Supply Company, Southbridge National Bank, Harrington Cutlery Company, Central Mills Company, Warren Steam Pump Company, Worcester Trust Company, Worcester Manufacturers' Gas and Electric Company, and National Shawmut Bank of Boston. He was a mem-

ber of the investment committee of the Southbridge Savings Bank; a trustee of Worcester Academy and Worcester Savings Bank; a member of the Squantum Club of Providence, American Academy of Social and Political Science, Worcester Continentals (honorary) and Optical Society of London.

On September 27, 1869, George W. Wells married Mary Eliza McGregory, daughter of Dr. John McGregory, substantial citizen of Southbridge. Mr. and Mrs. Wells were the parents of three sons: Channing M., Albert B., and J. Cheney, biographies of whom may be found following this; and a daughter, Mary E.

On September 30, 1912, this leader of the optical industry, foremost citizen of Southbridge and one of the great manufacturers of the Nation, passed away at the age of sixty-six years. In the autumn of 1933 members of the Wells family decided to establish a foundation for the aid of the employees of the great company, of which they were executives, and to assist in charitable, educational and religious work in Southbridge. The foundation will be named in honor of the late George W. Wells, founder of the American Optical Company, the endowment to reach eventually half a million dollars. It is the type of memorial that George W. Wells would appreciate most highly. To many the enduring monument to his memory is the company which he founded, and his true epitaph is written deepest upon the hearts of the men with whom he associated and labored and whom he helped.

CHANNING M. WELLS—Best known for his connection with the American Optical Company of Southbridge, Channing M. Wells has been president of the company since the death of his father in 1912.

Mr. Wells was born at Southbridge on August 13, 1870, a son of George Washington and Mary Eliza (McGregory) Wells and a descendant of old American families long prominent in New England. He was educated at Nichols Academy, Phillips Academy and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received the technical training which prepared him for the responsibilities he was later to assume. In 1891 he entered the employ of the American Optical Company and after ten years, in 1901, was elected a director of that enterprise. Meanwhile he mastered the many details connected with company operations. In 1903 he was elected treasurer of the company and in 1908 became vice-president. Upon the reorganization of the company in 1912 he was appointed a trustee. With the death of his father in the same year, he succeeded to the presidency, which office he has filled with distinction since that time. Mr. Wells has other connections with important Massachusetts business institutions. He is a director of the Gillette Safety Razor Company; vice-president and a director of the Southbridge National Bank; and a director of the Russell Harrington Cutlery Company and the Southbridge Water Supply Company. He is also a past president of the Home Market Club of Boston, where he has been an influential figure for many years.

Apart from business interests he is a member of the Baptist Church, Sigma Chi Fraternity, Worcester Club, Union Club of Boston, Country Club of Brookline, Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and a thirty-second degree Mason. His summer home is in Wianno, Massachusetts.

On November 9, 1898, Channing M. Wells married Irene Kelley, daughter of Alfred T. and Annie E. Kelley, of St. Louis, Missouri. They are the parents of five children: Channing McGregory Wells, Jr., Alfred Turner Wells, Henry Cady Wells, Mason Bacheller Wells and Elizabeth Wells.

ALBERT BACHELLER WELLS—Banker, manufacturer and man of large affairs, Albert Bacheller Wells has been a distinguished figure in Massachusetts business life for many years. He was born in Southbridge, November 19, 1872, son of George Washington and Mary Eliza (McGregory) Wells. Following the completion of his early education he entered Rutgers College in 1889 and in the following year transferred to Harvard. In 1891 he began his active career with the American Optical Company, rising gradually within the organization to positions of responsibility and trust. Since the death of his father in 1912 he has been treasurer and later chairman of the board of trustees of this company, which is one of the leading enterprises of its kind in the world. They are manufacturers of spectacle lenses and other similar products. Mr. Wells has taken an active part in the direction of company affairs. He is thoroughly familiar with all details of its business, including the technical aspects, and is himself the inventor of "Cruxite" glass, a product of wide usefulness.

Mr. Wells has many other interests both at Southbridge and elsewhere. He is president of the Southbridge National Bank, an institution of large resources and influence and was for many years a director of the First National Bank of Boston. He is also president of the Southbridge Water Supply Company. In the world of banking and finance he is equally well known and is credited with having contributed largely to the progress of financial methods in this State.

Mr. Wells is also a director of the Southbridge Young Men's Christian Association. He is an enthusiastic and active collector of antiques. His collection at his home in Southbridge is unique in scope, size and variety of rarities. He hopes some day to create a museum to serve as a home for his unusual collection of antiques. He is a Republican in politics and a Baptist in religious faith. Over a long period he has occupied a position of notable prominence in the life of this city. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Union Club of Boston, Country Club of Brookline, Harvard Club of Boston, Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities and Zeta Psi Fraternity.

In 1931 Mr. Wells began spending his winters in California and shortly afterward built his unusual and attractive winter home at Rancho, Santa Fé.

On April 18, 1900, Albert Bacheller Wells married Ethel Burnham of Evanston, Illinois. They are the parents of one son, George Burnham Wells.

J. CHENEY WELLS—Member of a distinguished Massachusetts family, J. Cheney Wells continues in his own career the traditions and many interests with which the name of his family has been so long associated. He was born at South-

bridge, November 11, 1874, a son of George Washington and Mary Eliza (McGregory) Wells. He was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and at Worcester Academy, following which he became associated with the American Optical Company. This was in 1893. Since that year he has continued his connection with the company, of which he is now executive vice-president and a trustee. He is largely responsible for operations.

Mr. Wells is also a director of the Southbridge National Bank, director of the Southbridge Water Supply Company, director of the Webster and Southbridge Gas and Electric Company, president and director of the Russell Harrington Cutlery Company of Southbridge, director of the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston, and a member of the National Industrial Conference Board. Apart from his business interests, he is a member of the First Baptist Society of Southbridge and is a thirty-second degree Mason. Mr. Wells is a member of the Union Club of Boston, the Country Club of Brookline, the Fishers Island Corporation, and the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Wells has a summer home at Fishers Island, New York.

On November 20, 1901, at Boston, J. Cheney Wells married Florence Winifred Morse, born at South Easton, Massachusetts, June 27, 1876. They are the parents of two children: 1. John Morse Wells, who married Sylvia Shippen. 2. Gertrude Alice Wells.

WILLIAM WALKER WILSON—President of the Merchants National Bank of Leominster, William Walker Wilson was called to become executive head of this institution in 1931, following a banking career of wide experience and extensive duration. He has met the responsibilities of his office with conspicuous ability and in a relatively brief period has taken his place among the business leaders of this section.

The Merchants National Bank of Leominster was first organized on July 5, 1911 with a capital of $100,000 and surplus of $25,000. The original officers were Alfred N. Litch, president; Charles H. Howe, vice-president; Ford F. Blaisdell, cashier; and the following directors: Alfred N. Litch, Bernard W. Doyle, William E. Holman, Charles H. Howe, Charles W. Harrison, Charles F. Nixon, William Gavin, Archibold M. Hume and Walter F. Whitney. Mr. Litch continued as president of the institution until his death on June 3, 1929. The bank has always occupied the building in which its original quarters were established, although the steady growth of the institution has made necessary the enlargement of its facilities. Additions have been made to the building, and in 1920 a new vault was installed, together with a directors' room and other improvements. On the death of President Litch, in 1929, he was succeeded by John M. McPhee, who served until he was chosen president of the Safety Fund National Bank of Fitchburg. It was at that time that Mr. Wilson was elected to the presidency of the Merchants National Bank of Leominster. Present officers include: William Walker Wilson, president; Bernard W. Doyle, vice-president; Duncan F. Thayer, vice-president; Ralph W. Foster, cashier and trust officer; Frank T. Cook, assistant cashier; Florence J. Webber, assistant cashier. The directors are as follows: William H. Cropper, Bernard W. Doyle, Charles W. Harrison, Bertram H. Hayes, J. Ward Healey, Paul R. Holman, Winthrop M. Mayo, Raymond L. Middlemas, and William Walker Wilson.

Mr. Wilson, as president, has continued the fine traditions so long associated with this institution, establishing policies which insure its solidity and strength. He was born at Boston, October 18, 1891, a son of James W. and Margaret (Falconer) Wilson. Both parents were natives of Scotland and came to the United States in 1884, in which year they settled in Boston. The father operated a large trucking concern in the city of Boston. He died in 1920 and his wife in 1928.

William Walker Wilson received his education in Boston public schools. He attended high school, completed a general banking course at Boston University and began his active career in the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in 1917. He remained there for nine years, winning gradual advancement as he demonstrated his capacity for increased responsibilities. In 1926 he was appointed cashier of the First National Bank of Adams, Massachusetts, with which he was associated until he was elected president of the Merchants National Bank of Leominster in 1931. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Massachusetts National Bank Association and of the American Bankers' Association. He is president and a director of Ye Dorset Inn, at Dorset, Vermont, is a member of the Leominster Club and the Monoosock Country Club and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On December 6, 1916, William Walker Wilson married, at Somerville, Massachusetts, Alda L. Morrissey, daughter of David G. and Lucretia Morrissey, the latter of whom died in 1921. Her father is now living at Arlington, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson became the parents of the following children: 1. Clifford W., born June 21, 1918, now attending high school. 2. J. Roger, born March 6, 1922. 3. Janet A., born March 9, 1931.

RALPH WHEELER FOSTER—From the time of its organization in 1911, Ralph Wheeler Foster has been associated with the Merchants National Bank of Leominster. He is now cashier and trust officer of the bank.

Mr. Foster was born at Chicopee, September 25, 1882, a son of Charles C. and Dora (Wheeler) Foster, both of Leominster and both now deceased. The mother died in November, 1931. The father, who died on September 9, 1918, was a merchant at Leominster for several years. Subsequently he established the Leominster Shirt Company in this city and still later became a manufacturer of combs. In 1875 he and his brother, George W. Foster, built the Foster Block in Leominster. Several years before his death he retired from active business.

Ralph Wheeler Foster was educated in Leominster public schools and after graduation from high school attended Fitchburg Business College. He obtained his first position with the Simonds Saw and Steel Company of Fitchburg, remaining with that company for about two and a half years as bookkeeper. Thereafter, for a year and a half, he was paymaster for Cluett, Peabody and Company, and at the end of that time became connected with the City Trust Company of Boston,

with which he remained until the merger of this institution with the Old Colony Trust Company. Continuing with the combined institutions, he was elected teller of the newly organized Merchants National Bank of Leominster in 1911 and resigned to accept that position. Mr. Foster has since been associated with the Merchants National Bank. He was promoted successively to the position of assistant cashier and later cashier and trust officer, discharging the duties of these offices with continued success. Mr. Foster is a valued member of the organization and has a thorough knowledge of every detail connected with the bank's operations. He is well known in Leominster life and apart from his business connection is active in the Masonic Order, being a member of Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

On September 14, 1910, Ralph Wheeler Foster married (first) Adeline S. Brett of Otisfield, Maine, who died on August 9, 1913. They became the parents of one son: 1. Morton Brett, born October 2, 1912, educated at Dartmouth College. On July 6, 1925, Mr. Foster married (second) Rena L. Buck, of Harrison, Maine. They have three children: 2. John Arnold, born May 12, 1926. 3. Alice Wheeler, born June 26, 1927. 4. Eleanor Ruth, born July 30, 1929.

WILLARD HEDLUND—A native of Sweden, with an excellent family background of character and mental equipment, for which the people of that county are so favorably known, Willard Hedlund has become one of the factors in the city government of Worcester, where he is superintendent of public buildings. He was born in Hagfors, Sweden, November 8, 1887, and was five years old when brought by his parents, Sven G. and Maria (Jonson) Hedlund, to America. They settled in Worcester in 1893. There are two other sons, Albin, who served as a first lieutenant in the heavy artillery, 76th Division, in the World War overseas, and Mauritz, who served in the World War as a first lieutenant attached to General Headquarters in France.

Willard Hedlund was graduated from the Belmont Street School, Worcester, and entered the English High School, where he took a college preparatory course and was graduated in 1905. His advanced course was taken at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he received his degree of Civil Engineer at graduation in the class of 1910. The following three years he was retained on the staff of the institute as an instructor in civil engineering. He resigned to enter the employ of the Edward F. Miner Building Company as assistant construction manager, later being made manager of the company. During his nineteen years' connection with this concern he aided in the erection of the Young Men's Christian Association Building, Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, All Saints Episcopal Church Parish House, the gymnasium of Worcester Academy, and the Masonic Temple, all located in Worcester, and as construction manager carried through many major operations throughout New England, New York and New Jersey, largely buildings at various colleges. He served as associate dean of the Northeastern University Engineering School at the Young Men's Christian Association and for fifteen years was instructor in mathematics at this institution. It was on January 3, 1933, that he was appointed superintendent of public buildings of the city of Worcester, and many favorable comments were heard concerning the availability of a man of Mr. Hedlund's experience for the office.

He is a member of the Worcester Engineering Society, the Worcester section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Worcester Society of Civil Engineers, Theta Chi Fraternity of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and the Worcester Economic Club.

Mr. Hedlund married, June 25, 1912, Hulda A. Anderson, of Worcester, and they have a daughter, Betty Ann, born September 16, 1914. Mr. Hedlund has his office as superintendent in the Worcester City Hall.

PAUL DUDLEY MANNING—A leader in business, social and civic life in East Douglas, Paul Dudley Manning, of this place, holds a position of outstanding character in his community and in the consideration of his fellow-citizens. Ready to advocate new programs for civic advancement when he considers them worth while, he combines conservatism with sound progressivism, and so holds the respect and admiration of all who have occasion to observe his work.

Mr. Manning, who has for several years been active in the business world and is now engaged in insurance enterprises, was born in Walpole, Massachusetts, on September 14, 1883, son of James and Louisa (Dudley) Manning. His father, born in England, built and ran a hotel in Walpole. When he first came to the United States from his native land, he stopped at Douglas, there marrying Louisa Dudley, a native of Massachusetts. He went to California in 1849 in search of the much-heralded riches in gold, going around Cape Horn and returning overland. It was after his return from the West that he was married. He died in Walpole in 1885 and his wife died in 1912.

Paul Dudley Manning, whose name heads this review, now owns the hotel which his maternal grandfather, Paul Dudley, built and of which he was for many years the proprietor. Mr. Dudley was one of Douglas' pioneers; and the hostelry referred to above was called the Dudley Hotel. The Dudleys were all prominent business men.

In the public schools, Paul Dudley Manning received his early formal education, also attending Dean Academy, from which he was graduated in 1902. He then became engaged in the coal, wood and lumber business in East Douglas, so continuing until 1917. In that year he took over the general store and post office that he ran for eight years thereafter, until the later months of 1924. He then purchased the John C. Hammond Insurance Agency from Frank H. Bird and has since then remained in the real estate and insurance business.

At the same time, he has effectively served East Douglas in public office, having been elected a selectman in 1927, to serve the unexpired term of William L. Church; and in 1929 and again in 1932 he was reëlected to this post. For nine years he served as overseer of the poor and for one year as road commissioner; for three of these same years, he was active on the school committee, of which he was chairman for one year. Since 1917

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he has been a member of the Republican Town Committee.

Also active in the social affairs of East Douglas, he has participated extensively in fraternal and business organizations and their work. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of the Mumford River Lodge. In each of his activities he has in one way or another proven himself a useful public servant; and his labors have served to promote the well-being of the East Douglas community.

Mr. Manning married, August 31, 1910, Edna A. Wright, of New Hampshire. By this marriage there has been one child, Paul Dudley Manning, Jr., born April 7, 1916, who is at the time of writing a student at Mitchell School, Billerica, Massachusetts.

LEON AXTELLE STORZ, D. M. D.—In the field of medical dentistry, Dr. Leon Axtelle Storz has become one of the leading figures of Worcester as a practitioner, as an inventor of special devices and materials for the use of his colleagues everywhere, and by reason of his wartime service and personality. He comes from old American families, and the spirit of the pioneer is evident in his career, for he has led where other men have followed. Of pronounced intellectual activities, he has attained to the highest of professional standards and devoted himself to the ideals of practice. The same qualities of character and experience that have brought him success, he gives freely to movements that make for the progress and betterment of his community. Of notable ancestry he has added new lustre to the traditions of his forebears.

Dr. Storz was born at Waterbury, Connecticut, on August 17, 1888, son of A. J. and Lena R. (Lott) Storz. On the maternal side he is a direct descendant of Isaac Allerton, "Mayflower" passenger, born in 1583-85, first Lieutenant-Governor of Plymouth Colony, who founded Marblehead, Massachusetts. In 1636 he removed to New Amsterdam, where he was one of the eight men who governed that place with Governor Stuyvesant in 1643. Dr. Storz is related to many of the Colonial families of Massachusetts and New York. His great-grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Lott, was the daughter of John W. and Hannah (Hawkes) Thayer and in the direct line of descent from Fernando and Huldah (Hayward) Thayer. Fernando Thayer was one of the founders of Mendon and the son of Thomas and Margery (Wheeler) Thayer, of Braintree. Thomas Thayer was born in Thornbury, England, in 1596 and settled in Braintree, Massachusetts, prior to 1639. Abijah Hawkes, father of Hannah (Hawkes) Thayer, was a "minute man" of the Revolution in the company of Captain Benjamin Houghton of Lancaster and fought in the battle of Lexington.

Leon Axtelle Storz, after attending Driggs School and the Crosby High School, matriculated at the Dental College of Harvard University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1911, holding the degree of Doctor of Medical Dentistry. Upon the technical foundation thus laid, Dr. Storz has builded continually, not only by private research and study, but by means of post-graduate work in various institutions. He began the practice of his profession at Worcester in 1912, but within a few years came the participation of America in the World War and Dr. Storz's prompt offering of his services to the government. As a member of the United States Army he was assigned to the Dental Corps and served as chief of the dental service at Debarkation Hospital, No. 2, in New York City, and later was transferred to Embarkation Hospital, No. 2, New York. He then helped organize and was one of the chiefs of the maxillofacial service, at General Hospital, No. 2, Fort McHenry, Maryland, and went ahead at rapid pace with his dental inventions, so aiding in the professional work being done in the service. He attained to the rank of major, retaining his commission for several years in the Reserve Corps of the army. Upon his honorable discharge from the army, he received the following letter:

U. S. A. GENERAL HOSPITAL, No. 2,
FORT McHENRY, MARYLAND.

October 23, 1919.

My dear Captain Storz:

Upon your departure from the Hospital I wish you to know that I have strongly appreciated the splendid service you have given the Government.

There are very few men in the world who could have duplicated the expert services you have rendered, and there is no one who could have served so faithfully.

You carry with you the good wishes and sincere regards of everyone.

Very truly,
Henry Page,
Col., M. C., U. S. A.,
Fort McHenry, Maryland.

At the conclusion of hostilities he returned to Worcester, where he has since conducted a general practice of medical dentistry.

At all times, Dr. Storz has stood for the finest traditions and standards in his profession, and has been one of its leaders. He has given lectures and conducted courses at different State and National dental society meetings. For five years immediately following his graduation, he remained on the staff of instructors at Harvard Dental School. He is the inventor of numerous accepted devices, mainly having to do with inlay work. He devised an inlay casting machine which has been accepted by the United States Bureau of Standards. Also, in collaboration with Willie Ogg, golf professional at the Worcester Country Club, he has perfected a type of golf club which has met with wide approval by professionals and improves greatly the game of the average player.

Dr. Storz is a member of the Worcester District Dental Society, the Massachusetts State Dental Society, and the American Dental Association. He is also the author of a number of articles and monographs for the journals of these societies. He is a great lover of music, having inherited this from several of his ancestors in the paternal line. In social and civic life, he has been active. Fraternally he affiliates with the Free and Accepted Masons, Quinsigamond Lodge, and with all Scottish Rite bodies. He is a member of the American Legion; Harvard Club; American Academy of Dental Science; Worcester Club; Worcester Country Club; Bohemian Club; Rotary Club; Unitarian Laymen's League; Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity; Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and the National Society of Puritan Descendants. He attends the Unitarian Church, in Worcester. In his political views, Dr. Storz is a staunch Republican. His many affiliations have given him broad associations with business and professional life, and his friends and acquaintances have accorded him constant respect, confidence and admiration.

LUTHER RUGG, of Sterling, was born February 1, 1890, son of L. Warren and Nellie T. (Palmer) Rugg. He is a member of the Unitarian Church, American Legion, Sterling Grange, and Clinton Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He now cultivates a farm which came into the possession of the Osgood family in 1792. Mary S. Osgood, Luther Rugg's grandmother, married Luther Rugg, 3d. Mr. Rugg makes dairying the principal activity of his agriculture. He is a member of the Sterling finance board.

LESLIE J. DAVIS—As building superintendent in the employ of Wiley and Foss, well known contracting firm of Fitchburg, Leslie J. Davis had entire charge of the erection of the Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital and Sanitarium, located on the edge of Worcester, near West Boylston, which was opened February 1, 1933.

Leslie J. Davis was born in Canada, October 4, 1888, and received his early education in the public schools of that country. He left school early and learned the carpenter's trade, but he had no intention of being satisfied with the limited education he had thus far received and later entered the civil engineering department of Cornell University, from which he was graduated with high honors. Equipped, now, with both practical experience and the scientific theories of his chosen line of work, he was prepared to engage in any kind of construction work, and immediately after completing his college course he went to New York City, where he entered the employ of Henry R. Kent, a large contractor, with whom he remained for eleven years. During this period he greatly enlarged his practical experience, taking charge of the construction of all classes of buildings, from garages to immense structures thirty-eight stories high, requiring the services of large forces of men. Among the many important building enterprises which he supervised was a large paper mill in Fitchburg. While he was engaged in this work, his ability attracted the attention of the well-known firm of Wiley and Foss, of Fitchburg, one of the largest contracting companies in the New England states, and he was induced to associate himself with that concern. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in supervising important construction contracts for that firm.

On June 28, 1931, representing Wiley and Foss, Mr. Davis broke ground for the erection of the splendid new Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital and Sanitarium, which was completed February 1, 1933. The new hospital is located on the edge of Worcester, near West Boylston, on a tract made up of what was three farms, aggregating four hundred and eighty-five acres. At the time Mr. Davis took charge of the construction work, the ground on which the hospital stands was part of a heavily wooded oak forest, where for decades not even a tree had been felled by the hand of man. Oaks of all sizes, from new young saplings to massive, towering, well-established trees, occupied the soil. Mr. Davis set about the task of clearing some ten acres of this heavily wooded land, no small job. The work went forward rapidly, and on June 28, 1931, ground was broken and the construction work on one of the largest and best appointed hospital groups in the State of Massachusetts was begun. The underlying strata of the site chosen was solid rock, and the construction gangs dug down from four to six feet and laid the foundations of the buildings upon that bed rock. During the first six months three hundred men were employed, and at all stages of the construction as many as one hundred men were at work. At the end of the first six months, the six buildings which comprise the group were erected and roofed in, and from that time the work went rapidly forward. The actual construction work was completed according to contract, November 1, 1932. Preparations had already been made for furnishing and equipment, and before January, 1933, had reached its end, the magnificent new buildings had been carefully inspected by the county commissioners and by Dr. Glidden, its superintendent, who had had much to do with the selection of plans and the outfitting of the hospital. To say that Mr. Davis' careful work passed inspection is to state less than the truth, for not only did the commissioners pass the work, but they gave enthusiastic praise to Mr. Davis for the very high quality of every part of the work. Invitations were issued to the general public to come and inspect their fine new buildings, and on February 2, 1933, several thousands of people were conducted by specially chosen guides through the completed structures. From this great throng and from the local press came only words of praise for the completeness of the buildings, for the manner in which Mr. Davis had filled the contract made between the county and the firm of Foss and Wiley, and for the appropriateness of the site which had been chosen. All the buildings are large and carefully planned. The outside walls of cream colored brick, inset with beautiful panels, make a most attractive exterior. The main hospital building, four hundred and eighty-nine feet and eight inches in length, with a mean width of forty-three feet, is four stories high and contains sixty-nine rooms, besides six sun-parlors, one at each end of the first three stories of the building, each thirteen by nineteen feet. Here one hundred and thirty-one patients can be accommodated with ease, and, with slight changes, two hundred patients can be cared for. The Nurses' Home, which is of modern architecture and contains accommodations for thirty-six beds, is one hundred and thirty-three feet long by forty-three feet wide, and three stories high. There are six dining rooms for patients, providing accommodation for two hundred and fifty people; a hospital kitchen, sixty feet by twenty-five feet, equipped with every modern convenience. A service building one hundred and thirty-six feet long and eighty-five feet wide provides for a kitchen assembly hall; the six dining-rooms mentioned above, each thirty by fifty feet; an autopsy room; several storage rooms; and two operating rooms, equipped with every modern facility and appliance. The doctors' private garage, twenty by twenty-two feet, is housed in the power plant, and the general garage, one hundred and eight feet long by thirty feet wide, can accommodate ten cars. The power house is one hundred and forty-seven feet by forty-six feet, and here is the water tower, one hundred and fifty-three feet high, holding 150,000 gallons of water. Here, too, is the electric lighting plant, the heating plant, with its three boilers, automatically stoked, and the steam laundry. From the water tower mentioned above water is supplied to the entire hospital plant. There is a beautiful super-

intendent's home, erected at a cost of $30,000, which contains eleven rooms and is heated by a hot-water system.

All the structures of this splendid group are built according to the most modern plans and are equipped with every modern convenience. The entire work was directed by Mr. Davis, and the confidence in his ability shown by the firm of Wiley and Foss, when they placed him in charge of a project which during the first six months required that he supervise the work of three hundred men scattered over a ten-acre tract, each group performing a specific part of the work, was not misplaced. Mr. Davis has handled this large contract involving the expenditure of $2,500,000 in a masterly manner and has fully justified the confidence of his employing firm. His fairness and his consideration for his men enable him to secure a class of workmen who coöperate with him in every way, thus securing the most satisfactory results for Mr. Davis and for the firm which he represents.

Mr. Davis is a member of Hobaska Lodge, No. 176, Free and Accepted Masons, of Ithaca, New York; and of Weeveda Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Port Elgin, Canada. His religious affiliation is with the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Leslie J. Davis married September 25, 1915, Eva Tingley, who was born in Melrose, Canada, daughter of Frank Tingley, a well-known contractor.

GEORGE FRANCIS HUTCHINS—For over half a century, George Francis Hutchins was actively associated with the management of the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works at Worcester. He first became connected with this enterprise in 1873 and by reason of his mechanical ingenuity, inventive talents and executive capacity soon proved himself indispensable to the organization. He played a major part in the development of the company to a dominant position in the industry and for many years was a prominent and respected figure in Worcester life.

Mr. Hutchins was born in Hepburn, Pennsylvania, on October 5, 1841, son of Charles and Harriet N. (Hunt) Hutchins. His father and uncles were all mechanics of exceptional skill, so that the boy came naturally by the considerable talents which he manifested early in life and which later were to prove of such great value to a leading industry of Worcester.

Charles Hutchins, the father, was born in Biddeford, Maine, on June 7, 1814, son of John and Hannah (Stacy) Hutchins and a descendant, both paternally and maternally, of pioneer New England stock. Early in life he entered the employ of Jarvis Manly, a prominent Pennsylvania contractor, under whom he received his training as a mechanic. For a period of years he was engaged in setting up machinery and installing rolling mills in different parts of the country. In 1846 he became master mechanic in the old Douglas Axe Works at East Douglas, Massachusetts, where, a number of years earlier he had set up improved machinery for cutting bar iron. He remained with the Douglas Axe Works until his death, which occurred as the result of an accident in the plant. Charles Hutchins contributed many important devices to the improvement of machinery for manufacturing axes and spent the greater part of his life in designing and perfecting these devices. He was a man of importance in his community, serving for several years as Representative in the General Court. He died on April 11, 1867.

Charles Hutchins married, November 2, 1834, Harriet Newell Hunt, who was born at East Douglas on November 21, 1814, daughter of Deacon Oliver and Phebe (Balcolm) Hunt and a direct descendant in the seventh generation from Samuel Hunt, of Halifax, Yorkshire, England, who established this family in America at Concord in 1635. Her grandfather, Ezekiel Hunt, was a soldier of the American Revolution. Her father and his brother, Joseph, founded the axe industry in Douglas in 1795 and her brother, Deacon Warren Hunt, was for many years the most prominent citizen of East Douglas.

George Francis Hutchins, of this record, was only five years old when his family removed from Hepburn, Pennsylvania, to East Douglas. He received his education in the public schools of the latter town, completing the high school course at the age of seventeen. At that time he was already a well-trained machinist, having spent much of his spare time in mechanical work under his father's guidance. After leaving high school he worked for about a year in the Douglas Axe Works, following which he accepted a position with Harrington and Heald, manufacturers of bayonets at Millbury. A year later the Civil War broke out, with its increased demand for firearms. Mr. Hutchins went to Boston and was there engaged in the manufacture of Spencer rifles for the government, until the strain of overwork to keep pace with the demand for firearms brought about a physical breakdown.

After a year, in which he gradually recovered his health, he enlisted, in the fall of 1862, as a drummer boy in Company I, 51st Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He participated in several engagements in North Carolina, was assigned to duty at Newbern in that State, and was later transferred to Baltimore. This was at the time of the Confederate invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania, and he and his entire regiment reenlisted to meet the challenge of the South, although their original term of service had expired. The malarial fever, which reduced the regiment to two hundred and seventy-four effective men, did not spare him, and after eleven months at Baltimore, he was invalided home, his health again broken. It was a full year thereafter before he could return to any kind of labor.

Eventually, however, Mr. Hutchins reëntered the Douglas Axe Factory. Subsequently, seeking larger opportunities, he resolved to become a civil engineer and, with the bounty money he received at the time of his enlistment, together with a few hundred dollars he had saved, he was able to enter a technical training school at Providence, Rhode Island, studying higher mathematics and civil engineering. Here he completed a two years' course, after which he began active practice as a surveyor and civil engineer. Mr. Hutchins had decided to go West, where there was a greater opportunity for professional advancement, but his father's death in 1867 made it necessary for him to return home to support his widowed mother. He became master mechanic at the Douglas Axe Works, succeeding his father, and continued in that connection until his mother's death four years later.

As he was preparing to resume work as a civil engineer and surveyor an unexpected opportunity came to him. The firm of L. J. Knowles and Brother had recently established its shop in Worcester and was now engaged in perfecting the loom which the senior partner had invented. Mr. Hutchins was offered the position of foreman in their shop, where an expert machinist was needed to take charge and to assist in the perfection of the loom. He accepted the opportunity and in February, 1873, came to Worcester, where his activities were to center until the time of his death. Mr. Hutchins possessed the technical knowledge and resourcefulness to develop in workable form the ideas of the inventor of the loom. He suggested many improvements of his own, which were incorporated in the device and during the lifetime of Lucius J. Knowles he was his indispensable assistant. Mr. Hutchins became foreman and superintendent of the factory, devoting his time principally to developing new models. Many new features were of his invention, and he took out, altogether, some ninety-six patents relating to the loom industry, all of which were in general use for many years. He was to a large extent responsible for the continued success and progress of his company and for the efficient supervision of a plant employing at a maximum, 2,500 men. This figure may be contrasted with the fifty men who were originally employed by the company. With the organization of the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works, Mr. Hutchins became general superintendent of the company, continuing in that office until his retirement in 1917. Even after he was relieved from the active duties of management, he continued to devote his time to the problems of the company in their larger aspects.

Mr. Hutchins' accomplishments commanded respect and brought him a position of great prominence in Worcester life. He used his influence wisely for the advancement of the city's general welfare and always lent his support to worthy community movements. He was a member of All Saints Protestant Episcopal Church and for many years was a vestryman of that church. He was active in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, helping to raise the necessary fund for the erection of its building, and for over sixty years was a member of Solomon's Temple Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Uxbridge. He was also active in higher bodies of the Masonic Order, receiving its highest honor, election to the thirty-third degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Mr. Hutchins was a Republican in politics, although invariably refusing the many public offices which might have been his, had he so desired. He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Worcester Mechanics Association and of several other organizations, including the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Worcester Country Club, the Commonwealth Club and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce.

On December 28, 1869, George Francis Hutchins married (first) Annie Louise Bodkin, who died June 3, 1874, daughter of Washington Lee and Catherine (Harper) Bodkin of Alexandria, Virginia. He married (second), May 12, 1875, Edna Porter Fairbanks, daughter of Franklin and Susan (Stewart) Fairbanks, who died August 30, 1884. On June 12, 1889, he married (third) Jennie Maria Kettell, daughter of James and Sarah J. (Metcalf) Kettell of Worcester. On the first marriage, two children were born: 1. Charles Francis (q. v.). 2. William Lee, who was accidentally killed at the age of twenty-seven. There were also two children of the second marriage: 3. Dr. Henry Talbot, a Boston surgeon. 4. Edwin Donald, who died at the age of fourteen. Of the third marriage, there is one son: 5. Richard Kettell.

Mr. Hutchins died at Worcester in 1928 in his eighty-seventh year. His death brought to its close an exceptionally useful and distinguished career, whose constructive influences were of value alike to American industry and to the city in which he so long made his home.

CHARLES FRANCIS HUTCHINS—As president and treasurer of the Standard Foundry Company, Charles Francis Hutchins controls an enterprise which is numbered among the important industries of Worcester, continuing in his own career the tradition of prominence in the city's life which has long been connected with the family name.

Mr. Hutchins was born at East Douglas, Massachusetts, on February 1, 1871, a son of George Francis Hutchins (q. v.) and of Annie Louise (Bodkin) Hutchins. He received his education in the public schools of this State and at a commercial college, beginning his active career with the Crompton and Knowles Loom Works, with which he was connected for thirty years. During part of that time he was a director of the company. In 1899, however, Mr. Hutchins organized, in association with Frank T. Williams and Thomas T. Booth, the Standard Foundry Company, to which he has given the greater part of his time for more than three decades. F. T. Williams was the first president of the company and was succeeded in that office by Thomas T. Booth. The business of the company consists largely in the manufacture of gray iron castings. Mr. Hutchins was active in its management from the time of its establishment and in 1920 acquired full control. He has since continued as sole owner of the company and as president and treasurer of the corporation. The original plant was located at No. 75 Tainter Street, but in 1921, because of increased business, Mr. Hutchins acquired the factory and site formerly occupied by the Whitcomb-Blaisdell Company at No. 25 Southgate Place, which is the company's present location. Floor space available in their buildings amounts to 750,000 square feet, while the entire plant is double that area. The Maximum number of employees is one hundred and fifty. In addition to gray iron castings, the Standard Foundry Company also casts semi-steel. The bulk of their business is confined to the New England states, but the company has been established on sound principles and can show a record of steady progress which reveals the high quality of their work. George F. Hutchins, 2d, and Charles W. Hutchins, sons of Charles Francis Hutchins, are now associated with their father in the business. Mr. Hutchins has built up a very efficient organization which is competent to meet every demand made upon it.

Apart from his business interests, he is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club and the Economic Club. He is an Episcopalian in

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religious faith and is well known in the general life of this city.

In 1899, Charles Francis Hutchins married Helen J. Wheeler of Rutland, Vermont. They are the parents of three children: 1. Helen J., who married John H. Orr, Jr., and has four children, Helen J., Joan B., John Henry Orr, III, and Janice W. 2. George Francis, 2d, who attended Boston University and is also associated with the Standard Foundry Company. 3. Charles W., who was educated at Wentworth Institute and is now an associate in the Standard Foundry Company.

RT. REV. MSGR. ANTHONY A. CYRAN, Deceased, Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish of Webster—Since 1926 the Rev. John R. Klekotka has served St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Webster, Massachusetts, first as assistant pastor and since the death of the beloved Monsignor Anthony A. Cyran on September 4, 1933, as administrator.

St. Joseph's Parish is one of the oldest Polish parishes in all New England. It was established and named in 1887, after the Polish people of Worcester, numbering some four hundred, had sought permission from Father Quan, their pastor, to erect a Polish church. Previously it was necessary for them to attend the Irish parish of St. Louis. The first mass for this group of Polish people was said in the basement of St. Louis' Church by the Rev. Marvin Kowski in September, 1886. In the fall of the same year, three-quarters of an acre of land was purchased on Whitcomb Street, Webster, and the basement of the new church was completed in the summer of 1887. The corner stone of the church was laid in September, 1887, by Father Quan. The Church of St. Joseph was completed in the spring of 1888 and dedicated in the summer of 1889. The founder and builder of the church was Father F. S. Chalupka. Father Chalupka said the first mass in St. Joseph's Church on Trinity Sunday, 1888, and remained as pastor of the parish for over seven years. In March, 1890, he purchased close to the church land for a school and in 1891 began the erection of the first frame schoolhouse, where the Polish children of the parish were educated by the Sisters of Saint Felicia. By 1906 the school had an enrollment of five hundred children, whose instruction was in the capable hands of six Sisters. After the completion of the school Father Chalupka began the enlargement of the church to a seating capacity of eight hundred. In the summer of 1893 St. Joseph's Church was rededicated by Bishop Beaven.

In February, 1895, Father Stanislaus Laczynski was appointed pastor of the parish and served until October, 1898. For a short time thereafter the parish was administered by Father Venceslaus Lenz, but with the beginning of the new year, 1899, the duties of the parish were taken over by the Franciscan Fathers, Stanislaus Harnowski and Idza Bok. They remained until 1902, when Father F. S. Chalupka returned for the second time, as pastor, serving in that capacity until 1908. In that year, Father M. Kopykiewici began a two years' pastorate at St. Joseph's, being succeeded on January 10, 1910, by Monsignor Anthony A. Cyran, whose labors in the parish continued for more than twenty-three years and meant so much to its people.

Monsignor Cyran was born in Poland on February 25, 1883, and came to the United States with his parents, when he was only three years old. The family home was established in Chicopee, Massachusetts, where he received his early education in the Holy Name School, conducted by the Christian Brothers. After his graduation from that institution, he attended the school of the Resurrectionist Fathers in Berlin, now Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, and remained until 1901, when he became a student in the Seminary of the Sulpician Fathers at Montreal. Here he prepared for the priesthood, studying philosophy and theology. On December 22, 1907, he was ordained in the Cathedral in Montreal by the Rt. Rev. Archbishop Bruchessi and on the following day celebrated his first mass in Chicopee. On Christmas Day, 1907, he came to Webster on the invitation of Father Chalupka and celebrated mass at St. Joseph's Church, where two years later he became pastor.

Father Cyran was first assigned to Clinton, Massachusetts, where he served as assistant pastor of the Irish parish of St. John, ministering particularly to the one hundred and eighty Polish families which belonged to that parish. On January 10, 1910, he returned permanently to Webster, where he was pastor of St. Joseph's Church until his death. When he came to Webster, a young and energetic priest of twenty-seven, there were some six hundred Polish families in St. Joseph's parish. His first task, on taking over his new duties, was to erect a suitable convent for the Felician Sisters. Their home at the time was a small and inadequate wooden structure, and in its place Father Cyran constructed a modern brick building on Maynard Street. With the completion of this edifice, he turned his attention to the church itself. The old wooden structure was far too small for the needs of the people and in August, 1913, Father Cyran had the great satisfaction of seeing the corner stone of a new brick church laid and blessed by Bishop Thomas Beaven. It was completed the following year at a cost of $100,000.

The present edifice of St. Joseph's Church has not only the largest seating capacity of any church in the community, but it is one of the most beautiful churches in New England. An imposing structure, ideally proportioned and manifesting in every line the skill of the finest architects and builders, it commands the admiration of all who view it and is a constant source of inspiration to the people of the parish. The landscaping of the grounds of the church and its surrounding buildings is superb. Each unit fits smoothly into its appointed place and blends with the design of the whole. But it is the interior of the church itself that fairly dazzles the eye of the beholder by its richness and beauty, which are unsurpassed by any church in Massachusetts. The entrance to the church is by four imposing granite steps. At the head of the main aisle are three altars, a large center one, and one on either side, all of white marble, beautifully hand carved.

There is one center and two side aisles, and the seats are of oak. The ceiling is plain, but very rich, supported by twenty square pillars, and between them at the top are beautiful oil paintings. On each side of the church are eight memorial windows. The first one on the left of the altar, representing the birth of Christ, was given to the church parish as a memorial to Father A. A. Cyran. It shows the stable, Joseph and Mary, the Babe and the wise men kneeling in worshipful

attendance. The other memorial windows, also of stained glass, are likewise executed in the most exquiste manner, illustrating epochs and people of importance in the early history of the life of Christ. These windows are without exception unsurpassed if equalled by any church in the United States.

After the completion of the church, the growth of the parish continued undiminished and it was soon evident that the parochial school was far too small for the accommodation of its pupils. In May, 1923, therefore, Monsignor Cyran appointed a campaign week in the cities of Webster and Dudley for the benefit of the Polish Parochial School, and largely through his energetic direction the sum of $55,000 was raised. The old frame school building was torn down and in 1924 the new brick school building was erected at a cost of $220,000. It was blessed by the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, in the early part of 1925. Today its twenty class rooms easily accommodate the more than 1,100 children who are taught there annually. In addition to its class rooms, the building also includes a gymnasium, bowling alleys and meeting and recreation rooms—a complete educational institution, which stands as a monument to the vision and energy of Father Cyran. Finally, in 1931, a magnificent new rectory of sixteen rooms was completed at a cost of $50,000, including every accommodation for the comfort of its occupants. This structure rounded out a group of buildings, comprising the church, the school, the convent and rectory, which, in beauty and utility alike, are among the finest in the State. St. Joseph's parish today is valued at $445,000. Approximately 1,000 families belong to the parish and the total membership is over 5,000. When these figures are considered in connection with the splendid parish equipment, the magnitude of Monsignor Cyran's accomplishment in building up this parish from a poor small church is better realized. A dozen or more societies belong to the parish, including St. Joseph's Society, which is the oldest and was organized on March 1, 1889. The people of the parish have always done their part, not only in the upbuilding of their own church, but when other calls were made upon them. During the World War thirty-two volunteers from the parish went to serve with the Polish Army in France and many generous contributions were made to various war relief causes.

Monsignor Cyran's remarkable record as a priest and administrator of affairs of his parish made him an outstanding figure in the diocese and his ability as a speaker brought him requests from many places in the State to address various gatherings. At Webster, he was always active in community and civic affairs and was closely associated with many worthwhile projects. For some years, he was a member of the board of directors of the Webster District Hospital and a trustee of the Chester C. Corbin Library. The crowning honor of his long career of service came to him in December, 1929, when he was appointed Monsignor in recognition of his worthy work in his parish and faithful attendance to his duties as a priest of the church. He was the first Polish priest in all New England to achieve that honor.

On December 28, 1932, Monsignor Cyran was tendered a banquet in celebration of his twenty-fifth year in the priesthood and a three-day festival was planned and carried out by his parishioners at that time, with the attendance of the Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Leary, who officiated at a pontifical high mass. Less than a year later, Monsignor Cyran was taken from among his people. He died on September 14, 1933, in his fifty-first year, following an illness of several months. Though he was stricken in the prime of life and at the zenith of his usefulness, the value of his labors remains as a blessing to his flock and his name will always be remembered with the deepest love and veneration.

St. Joseph's parish is now administered by Father John R. Klekotka, who is a graduate of the SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 25, 1923, and was first appointed to serve at Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, where he remained for three and a half years. On October 1, 1926, he came to St. Joseph's Church in Webster, where he has since remained, rendering valuable assistance to its pastor, Monsignor Cyran, until his death in September, 1933. Shortly thereafter, Father Klekotka was appointed administrator, in which capacity he has proved most efficient. Father Klekotka is much beloved by the people of the parish, to whom he is a friend and counselor as well as priest. His Christian zeal and charity are an example to all.

PETER BROTHERS—Extensively engaged in the coal, coke, wood and oil business, Peter Brothers sell their products at both wholesale and retail. The business was established in 1918 by Kosta and Vasil Peter, the two brothers who are today the sole owners of the enterprise. They live in Worcester.

Both of them were born in Albania and spent their early lives in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. Kosta Peter was born on May 15, 1890, and Vasil Peter on August 2, 1891. The parents were Peter and Victoria Peter. The father died in Albania many years ago, and the mother is now a resident of Worcester, whither the brothers came in 1910. Both Kosta and Vasil Peter received their early education in the schools of Albania, whose school and church systems were under Greek control. Kosta Peter later went to Bucharest, Roumania, where he was a student for several years. For five years he was employed in a wood yard and general store, taking care of his uncle's property. After coming to Worcester, he was associated with Reed and Prince until 1918, when, with his brother, he established their present business. By hard work and courteous treatment of their customers, they have built up a fine and progressive business.

Kosta Peter is active also in civic and social life. He is a member of the Albanian-American Association. He also belongs to the Albanian Charitable Association, which takes care of the poor and distressed members of the nationality. His church is St. Mary's, Worcester. Among his other affiliations, he is a leader in the Vatra Society, which publishes a newspaper. Vasil Peter belongs to all of these same societies, with the exception of the Vatra group.

Both the brothers are married. Kosta Peter married, in February, 1910, Athina V. Veshi, a native of Albania.

Vasil Peter married (first), June 16, 1916, Praxithea P. Checkichi, who died in 1924. In 1925 he married (second) Fannie S. Ziko, of Albania. By the first marriage there were three children: Helen, Shpresa and Stephen; and by the second there were also three children: Nicholas, Violet and Henrietta.

The Peter family deserves high praise for its accomplishments in the New World and particularly for building up the firm of Peter Brothers. They are distinctly a credit to Worcester, the city and the county.

HON. JAMES CORCORAN DONNELLY—A native of the Bay State and a product of its schools and New England collegiate training, Hon. James Corcoran Donnelly was elevated to the Superior Court bench in Massachusetts after achieving a fine record as a practicing attorney at the Worcester County bar. He was born in this county and has always lived here, and the people of this jurisdiction have followed with keen interest his victories in the legal arena. There was general acclaim of the Governor's action in appointing him to the second highest court of law in the Commonwealth. His record since ascending the bench has been an amplification of that achieved by him in the days of his office practice and appearances before the various courts to which his cases took him.

Judge Donnelly's father, John E. Donnelly, was a native of Liverpool, England. He came to America as a young man and eventually settled in Clinton, Worcester County, where he followed the trade of a machinist. His death occurred in 1917. His wife before marriage was Mary E. Corcoran, who was born in this State, and died in 1918.

Hon. James Corcoran Donnelly, born in Clinton, December 9, 1881, attended the public schools, graduating from the Classical High School, Worcester, whence he entered Dartmouth College. At that institution his scholastic excellence won him the degree of Bachelor of Arts and he graduated in the class of 1905. His professional training was completed at Harvard University Law School following two and one-half years of intensive study. He was admitted to the bar at a sitting of court in Worcester County in 1908 and in the same year entered practice at the county seat as an associate of the well-known law firm of Thayer and Cobb. That was an auspicious beginning, and in 1911 he improved his standing by forming a partnership with Charles F. Campbell. They were associated for practically twenty years in a practice that became large and lucrative, and as one of the principals the then future justice contributed to this reputation. On March 18, 1931, the Governor signed the commission that made Attorney Donnelly Judge Donnelly of the Massachusetts Superior Court. Confirmation of the appointment was readily forthcoming, and the newly-elevated justice ascended the bench amid the congratulations of his brethren of the bar and his associates of the court.

Judge Donnelly is a well-known Massachusetts Democrat. He represented his party as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention held in Baltimore, Maryland, which nominated Woodrow Wilson for the Presidency. During the World War he employed his gift of oratory as a "Four-Minute" speaker and served also as an active member of various boards and committees engaged in patriotic work. From the government he received a certificate in recognition of his services. Among his professional organizations are the Worcester County Bar Association, Massachusetts State Bar Association, and American Bar Association. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, University Club of Worcester, University Club of Boston, Dartmouth Club of Worcester, which he has twice served as president, Worcester Country Club, Wachusett Country Club, and Worcester Economic Club. He is a member of the Holy Rosary (Roman Catholic) Church.

GEORGE M. KURZON—Since admission to the bar as a member of the younger group of successful lawyers, George M. Kurzon has established himself in practice in Whitinsville and opened offices in Uxbridge and Franklin. He has built up a gratifyingly large clientage and has been certified for practice in all the courts of Massachusetts. Born in Whitinsville, November 26, 1904, Mr. Kurzon is the son of Garabed S. and Elizabeth (Simonian) Kizirbohosian. His parents, natives of Armenia, came to America in their youth and settled in Whitinsville, where the father has been in business as a merchant for many years.

By a decree of Probate Court, the son, George M., was permitted to alter his name to the more abbreviated and euphonic form of Kurzon. He passed through the public schools of Northbridge, graduating from high school in 1921. For two years he was a student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and then entered Boston University School of Law, where he was graduated Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1926. He then took post-graduate work at the university and received the degree of Master of Laws in 1927, and in the same year completed his training at Boston University, College of Liberal Arts, and was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science.

At the age of twenty-one years he was admitted to the Massachusetts bar and began practice in Whitinsville in 1927. There was a demand for his services by clients in Uxbridge and Franklin, and he opened branch offices in these communities, which he visits at stated intervals. Having been admitted to practice before the various tribunals of the State, he is enabled to render a broader service to his clients. He is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Kiwanis Club of Whitinsville.

Mr. Kurzon married, September 26, 1928, Louise Yacubian, a native of Somerville, and their children are: 1. George Muldon, Jr., born November 26, 1929. 2. Donald Alan, born June 21, 1931. The family home of the Kurzons is at No. 75 North Main Street, Uxbridge, and the principal law office of Mr. Kurzon is in Whitinsville.

CHARLES H. PARK—To the textile manufacturing industry, Charles H. Park has brought a large amount of experience and a thorough knowledge, obtained in connection with the trade in his native Scotland and in this country. As resident manager of the Webster Mills of the American Woolen Company of Webster, he is said to be one of the best-informed and most practical men associated with the American Woolen Company.

Born in Galashiels, Scotland, Mr. Park received his education in the public schools of his native place. Starting in early life, he mastered the processes of textiles manufacture in mills of Scotland. He arrived in the United States in 1901 and went to work for the Angus Park Woolen Company in Hanover, Connecticut. Thence he was called to Hanover, Illinois, to be superintendent of the Hanover Manufacturing Company and remained there about two years, then went to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, to be superintendent of the Beaver Dam Manufacturing Company, filling the position for four years.

In 1908 Mr. Park became associated with the American Woolen Company. This great company manufactures indigo fabrics, women's dress goods, men's suitings and overcoatings, novelty cloakings and dress materials. At first Mr. Park was made superintendent of the company's Ray Mills at Franklin, Massachusetts. He was transferred to the Beaver Brook Mills at Collinsville, Massachusetts, and from that town went to Fairfield, Maine, where he was stationed for fifteen years. In October, 1928, he arrived in Webster and was installed as resident manager of the Webster Mills, where he has since remained, an important factor in the American Woolen Company's executive force.

Before coming to America and when living in his native country, Mr. Park served an enlistment in the National Guards of Scotland. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, affiliating also with St. Omer Commandery, Knights Templar, of Waterville, Maine, and Kora Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Lewiston, Maine. He is a devotee of the game of golf.

Mr. Park married, in 1905, Agnes L. Holmes, a native of Huddersfield, England, and they have three daughters: 1. Madeline E., married Ernest Adams. 2. Ruth, married LeRoy Smith. 3. Gertrude, a student at Russel Sage College for Women, Troy, New York.

HON. BERNARD WENDELL DOYLE—Founder of one of New England's most important industries and for many years a distinguished leader in Leominster life, Hon. Bernard Wendell Doyle has justly earned the respect with which he is regarded in the Nation's business circles and the warm affection of the people of his native city who have benefited through his many philanthropies and the constructive influences of his career.

Mr. Doyle was born at Leominster, October 29, 1873, a son of Bernard and Ann (Gurry) Doyle. He received his preliminary education in Leominster public schools and, after completing the high school course, enrolled at the Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, New York. Upon his graduation he returned to Leominster to begin the active career which has brought him such wide success. Entering the employ of the Horn Supply Company, manufacturers of horn and celluloid goods and dealers in these products and fertilizers, he rose rapidly within the organization and in 1897 became secretary and general manager of the company. These offices he filled with conspicuous success for twenty years. For fifteen years he was also treasurer of the Paton Manufacturing Company and in 1901, in association with A. S. Paton and Ludwig Strass, established The Viscoloid Company, Inc., of which he was secretary and treasurer. Subsequently he succeeded to the presidency. Mr. Doyle's knowledge of the pyroxylin plastic industry is equalled by few. He is familiar with every detail connected with the operation of such an enterprise and as a pioneer in the field did much to establish the industry as a whole on a sound basis. Under his guidance The Viscoloid Company grew and prospered and in the conduct of its business he displayed not only a remarkable executive capacity, but the soundest business judgment and inexhaustible energy.

"More than a quarter century ago," it was written of him, "Mr. Doyle founded the Viscoloid Company, starting the manufacture of celluloid products in a small way in Leominster. With a keen business foresight and unending energy and a determination to play a four-square game as his only weapons, Mr. Doyle fought his way upwards until his business had grown to a great plant occupying more than one hundred different buildings, and he was recognized as the leader in his industry. . . . Though a quiet and unassuming man, Mr. Doyle possesses a magnetic personality which has brought to him social and business friends and acquaintances of national prominence and accomplishment to the business and political circles. Many have been quick to recognize and appreciate the sterling qualities of Mr. Doyle as a man and friend, and his sound and sagacious business judgment, which has carried him to the front ranks of industrial leaders of Worcester County."

Mr. Doyle continued as active head of The Viscoloid Company until 1925 when, desiring to be relieved of some of his responsibilities, he sold his plant to the du Pont Company and it was then reorganized as the du Pont Viscoloid Company. Mr. Doyle continued to give the company the advantages of his long experience and wise counsel, remaining with the new organization as vice-president. The value of his services and his place in the industry was well recognized by his du Pont associates, and in May, 1931, they journeyed to Leominster for the express purpose of paying him a fitting tribute. At a dinner in honor of Mr. Doyle, attended by all employees and officials, President du Pont, who presided, announced that in appreciation of Mr. Doyle's contribution to the industrial life of Leominster, the board of directors of the du Pont Viscoloid Company had decided to memorialize his name in industry by designating the Leominster Plant as the Doyle Works of the du Pont Viscoloid Company. "This signal honor," a local paper wrote, "conferred upon Mr. Doyle, brought home to the people of Leominster and Worcester County, in the most forcible manner, the fact that their foremost citizen is held in the highest esteem by his business associates outside his own home city and State."

In addition to his other connections, Mr. Doyle was one of the founders and organizers of the Merchants National Bank of Leominster, of which he has been a director for many years, and is also a director of the Safety Fund National Bank of Fitchburg and a trustee of the Leominster Savings Bank. He has won his position as Leominster's first citizen not alone because of his business leadership and the vast industry which he built up, but equally because of the fine spirit of civic service which he has always displayed and the great generosity which he has evidenced in his contributions

Harold W. Burdett.

to the city's welfare. Chief among his benefactions is the Leominster Hospital, the site for which he presented to the city and in the building of which his zeal and enthusiasm were decisive factors. Subsequently he handsomely endowed the institution in order to guarantee its maintenance, and so through his generosity there has come to the city one of the finest hospitals in the State.

Another and later gift of Mr. Doyle to the city of Leominster comprised a twenty-acre athletic field. This includes two baseball diamonds, a running track, tennis courts, field hockey court, a club house and a football field occupying four acres together with grandstands capable of seating several thousand people. Constructed at a cost of more than $200,000, this community athletic field was dedicated to the use of the youth of Leominster. Together with Leominster Hospital it will fittingly perpetuate the memory of its donor in the city which he has always loved so well.

In spite of the pressure of his own interests, Mr. Doyle has always been ready to lend a helping hand in any community project and has been prompt to give his services when convinced that they would be of genuine value. He has occupied many public and semi-public positions of responsibility and trust, meeting every duty with the greatest fidelity. He was further honored by the people of the city in his election as mayor and for four years served very capably in that office, giving a thorough practical demonstration of the fact that business principles can be applied successfully to municipal government.

Mr. Doyle is a member of the Boston Athletic Association, the Oak Hill Country Club, the Monoosnock Country Club, the Leominster Country Club, the Worcester Country Club, the Eastern and Corinthian Yacht clubs of Marblehead, the Algonquin Club of Boston, the Fay Club of Fitchburg, the Izaak Walton League, the Home Market Club of Boston, the Worcester County Republican Club and the Republican Club of Massachusetts. Active for many years in councils of the Republican party, he was elected a delegate to the Republican national conventions of 1920 and 1924. Mr. Doyle is also active in the Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts and is affiliated with several fraternal organizations. Fond of outdoor life and sports, he particularly enjoys fishing, hunting and yachting. The variety of his connections indicates the wide range of his interests. "There are few men in Worcester County," it has been written of him, "whose business, civic and philanthropic activities have provided more for the health, and happiness, not only for those of the present generation but for posterity, than the accomplishments of former mayor Doyle of Leominster."

On February 22, 1909, at Leominster, Bernard Wendell Doyle married Elizabeth H. P. Haley, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Marjorie E., born April 10, 1910, a graduate of the Bennett School of Millbrook, New York and Miss Garland's School of Boston. She is now the wife of Richard C. Rockwell of Albany, New York. 2. Louise I., born May 15, 1912, a member of the class of 1934 at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. The beautiful Leominster residence of the family is situated on Lindell Avenue.

WILLIAM CHASE BURDETT—Member of an old Massachusetts family, William Chase Burdett spent the greater part of his active life at Leominster. He was for years an important manufacturer here, enjoying the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

Mr. Burdett was born at Springfield, Illinois, on October 22, 1859, a son of Alfred and Mary (Joslin) Burditt. The present form of the name and the original form were Burdett, but for many generations this branch of the family used the spelling, Burditt, arising through a misspelling on an early Massachusetts land grant. Rather than invalidate the grant, the form appearing there by mistake was adopted. The first of the name to settle in America were Robert and John Burditt, who landed in Massachusetts in 1630. William Chase Burdett's grandfather was James Burditt, a farmer of Lancaster, Massachusetts. His father, Alfred Burditt, mentioned above, was one of the founders of the Leominster National Bank and for many years was cashier of that institution.

William Chase Burdett was educated in the grade schools and high school of Leominster and subsequently attended the Bryant and Stratton Business College in Boston. He was one of the organizers of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company of Leominster and was connected therewith for several years. Afterwards he established the Whitney-Reed Chair Company, later the Whitney-Reed Corporation, of which he was treasurer and manager. This corporation was established in 1893 and Mr. Burdett continued as its treasurer until the time of his death, on September 5, 1919. He was a man of strict integrity and sound business judgment whose career was of constructive value to the city where he passed so many years of his life. Mr. Burdett was a member of the Monoosnoc Country Club and of other local organizations. He was widely acquainted throughout this section and was a welcome companion in any circle which he chose to frequent.

William Chase Burdett married Marrian B. Clough, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Ruth E., a graduate of South College, who was married to the Rev. Vaughan Dabney, dean of Newton Andover Theological Seminary of Boston. 2. Harold William (q. v.). 3. Mary H., who was graduated from Wellesley College and is now the wife of Clifton T. Edgerly, supervisor of high schools at New Rochelle, New York. 4. Louise, who was graduated from the University of New Hampshire and took the further degree of Master of Arts at Yale University. She is connected with the New Rochelle Library and makes her home in that city with her sister.

HAROLD WILLIAM BURDETT—Since the incorporation of the Pyrotex Leather Company of Leominster, in 1919, Harold William Burdett has served as treasurer of the company. He is a thoroughly trained technician as well as an able executive and has taken an active part in directing the work of his corporation.

Mr. Burdett was born at Leominster, in December, 1887, a son of William Chase Burdett, a record of whose life precedes this, and of Marrian B. (Clough) Burdett. Harold William Burdett received his preliminary education in the public

schools of Leominster and after completing the high school course entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was a member of the class of 1910. He began his active career as a chemist for the Viscoloid Company of Leominster. After four years he became a research chemist for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company at Akron, Ohio, remaining for a period of two years. Subsequently he returned to Leominster, joining the technical staff of the Leominster Worsted Company, and three years later became superintendent of construction for the Standard Pyroxyloid Company. This position he filled for two years.

With the entry of the United States into the World War, Mr. Burdett enlisted and on August 3, 1918, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Chemical Warfare Service. He was stationed at the Long Island Laboratory of the Gas Defense Division for a period of five months. After the Armistice, on February 3, 1919, he received his honorable discharge with the grade of first lieutenant.

Shortly after his return from war-time service, Mr. Burdett became associated with Winthrop M. Mayo, Ralph A. Robertson and Thomas J. Fay in the organization of the Pyrotex Leather Company at Leominster. Mr. Burdett was elected treasurer of the company and has filled that office continuously, acting also as technical director. Since the inception of the company its officers have been: Winthrop M. Mayo, president; Ralph A. Robertson, secretary; Harold W. Burdett, treasurer.

Mr. Burdett was also a director of the Whitney-Reed Corporation, manufacturers of chairs, of which his father was so long treasurer. He has been active in other phases of the life of this city, serving during the past twelve years as a member of the school committee. He was first elected to this body in 1920 and has completed four terms of three years each. Mr. Burdett is a member of the American Chemical Society, the Leominster Club, the Leominster Sportsmen's Club, and is affiliated with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the latter order he is a member of Wilder Lodge and of Leominster Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He has been active in the local Rotary Club, of which he is one of the founders and also a past president.

On September 6, 1913, at Leominster, Harold William Burdett married Rena Harwood Chase, daughter of William H. and Annie (Harwood) Chase, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Burdett have three children: 1. Anne, born May 30, 1914. 2. Harwood Chase, born May 7, 1916. 3. Jonathan Chase, born February 3, 1924.

PYROTEX LEATHER COMPANY—From a small beginning in an old unused building, to a position of leadership in its field, now occupying a large modern plant, the history of the Pyrotex Leather Company, of Leominster, is that of a steadily ascending line of success in the manufacture of water-proofed fabrics and artificial leather, due both to the superiority of its products and to the courage, vision, and ability of its founders and present executives.

In the early part of the year 1919, Harold William Burdett, Winthrop M. Mayo, Ralph A. Robertson and Thomas J. Fay, met to discuss the organization of the Pyrotex Leather Company. The organization was completed and on September 20, 1919, the company was incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts for the purpose of manufacturing and selling artificial leather, coated fabrics and papers and similar products. The officers elected were: Winthrop M. Mayo, president; Ralph A. Robertson, secretary; Harold W. Burdett, treasurer; and Thomas J. Fay, who had had previous experience in this work, superintendent. The industry was a new one to Leominster, although closely allied to the celluloid business, in that the base material is pyroxylin and the solvents used are the common solvents of the celluloid and lacquer industry. Due to atmospheric conditions particularly favorable for coating, a location in the valley along Whitney Street was selected for the plant, and a building formerly occupied by the Bishop and Hoag Furniture Company many years ago was occupied. Machinery having been installed, the Pyrotex Leather Company began the manufacture of lacquer-coated textiles and paper, and similar products, for furniture, upholstery and decking for automobile tops.

Close chemical control being an essential in this industry, a laboratory was established and research chemists employed to develop new products allied with coated fabrics. During the first few years the greater part of the output of the plant was used to produce automobile decking, but a line of shoe construction fabrics was introduced which proved to be more profitable, and since 1924 the factory has been utilized more in the manufacture of these products.

The steady growth of the business induced the company in 1928 to erect a solvent recovery plant, in which the solvents used in the coating plant are reclaimed and reused. In 1929 a new building was constructed for coating gold, silver and fancy papers, and it is now an active unit of the factory. Other new departments have been added, and the products include coated braids, tapes, cord, fish lines, tracing paper, airplane tapes, and many materials for shoe inner soles, quarter-linings, heel pads, box toes and shoe stiffeners. The greater part of the factory production is absorbed by the shoe industry, which generally acknowledges Pyrotex products to be the best.

The present officers are the same able men who established this prosperous company: Mr. Mayo, president; Mr. Robertson, vice-president and sales manager; Mr. Burdett, treasurer and technical director; and, the only exception, Gustavus Erdman, superintendent.

Solidly organized, efficiently managed, its products second to none, the Pyrotex Leather Company is rated one of the most prominent industries by the trade it serves and a constructive factor in the commercial and industrial life of Leominster.

ISRAEL J. ZELLEN—Born October, 31, 1895. Israel J. Zellen received his education in the public schools of Worcester. On leaving school he entered the employ of the Warren Leather Goods Company in this city, and was connected with this concern for about six years. Desiring to assist the government after it had become a party-nation in the World War, he enlisted for service in 1917. Assigned to the 12th Division of Infantry, he was stationed at Camp Devens, Ayer, Massachusetts, whence he was transferred to Camp Upton, Long Island, New York. After his honorable discharge,

he returned to the Warren Leather Goods Company and remained in this association for an additional six months. Specifically he was a fitter and highly valued workman of the "independent" type; that is, he performed contract work; and his income was unusually large.

In 1920, when Mr. Zellen launched out in business for himself, he was recognized as the youngest leather and findings jobber in New England. Grasping the fact that the business required a change for its improvement, he adopted the plan of interviewing customers direct, giving them the proper service, and thus eliminating their time in seeking merchandise, as was the old method. This plan has worked out to the mutual advantage of Mr. Zellen's house and his clients, and his business now is the largest in New England. He opened a store under the name of Worcester Leather and Shoe Findings Company, at Nos. 32-34 Church Street, Worcester, where he carries complete stocks in leather and findings. In Boston, as well as in Worcester and all over New England, he is well known in leather goods circles, especially for his progressiveness in promoting and circulating a demand for new articles.

Mr. Zellen has a good reputation in civic affairs, as in business endeavor. He is known as one of the charitable businessmen of Worcester and gives liberally to many worthy objects. Meeting the responsibilities of a good citizen, he is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Home, Temple Emmanuel, Mount Pleasant Country Club, and the Provis Club. He is fond of fishing, golf, aviation and travel.

Mr. Zellen married, July 1, 1920, Ethel R. Davidson, of Worcester, and they have one child, Everett B., born May 10, 1921. The family home is at No. 10 Edgewood Street, Worcester.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG WEBSTER—As a graduate of Massachusetts State College, at Amherst, where he specialized in agriculture, and as a representative in the Massachusetts Legislature, Louis A. Webster has given ample proof of his versatility as a professional farmer and a tried legislator. Mr. Webster owns and operates a two hundred-acre farm in Blackstone, Worcester County, this being his native town.

Louis Armstrong Webster was born in Blackstone, September 26, 1894, and received his preliminary education in the schools of his home town. At the end of his junior year in high school, he determined to enter college, and, without waiting to graduate, took the entrance examination for the Massachusetts Agricultural College, passed handily and entered college when he was only fifteen years old. Only two national fraternities had chapters on the college campus when he matriculated in September, 1910. Having obtained a room in one of the rooming houses in the town, he soon became a leader of the group that lived there. On May 18, 1912, he and six of his friends founded Gamma Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha, and he was made the first High Alpha.

With the approach of the time of publication of the college year-book, Mr. Webster designed the first Lambda Chi Alpha coat-of-arms, a design that remained official for several years, until it was supplanted by the one now in use. He was one of the four incorporators when Gamma bought its present home in 1913, and it was largely through his efforts that members were enabled to keep up their payments and leave a comfortable home for their successors. While active in the new chapter and earning a large portion of his college expenses, he distinguished himself to such an extent in scholarship that he was elected to Phi Kappa Phi in his senior year. He graduated in the class of June, 1914, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree. For the several years immediately following his graduation, he kept in close touch with Gamma Chapter and frequently gave it invaluable assistance.

Scientific agriculture has made successful Mr. Webster's operation of his large farm in Blackstone. Of the two hundred-acre tract, he has about forty acres under cultivation. When it is an "apple year" he harvests about 5,000 bushels. In a good year he gathers and markets or stores about 8,000 bushels of vegetables.

Mr. Webster enrolled in the Republican party when he attained his majority. He is a member of the Republican Club of Massachusetts and the Worcester County Republican Club. In 1928 his party in the Seventh Worcester (Representative) District nominated and elected him a member of the House on Beacon Hill. After serving his term of two years, he was reëlected in 1930. He has served on the House committees of highways and motor vehicles, agriculture, and civil service. He has been instrumental in having passed a number of bills beneficial to the members of the Fruit Growers' Association. It was he who filed the bill calling for the change in name from Massachusetts Agricultural College to the abbreviated and less cumbersome form of Massachusetts State College, and this has since been enacted into law.

He is affiliated with Blackstone River Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; and with his Grange in the Patrons of Husbandry, of which he is Past Master also. He is a deacon in the church to which he belongs. His clubs are the Nipmuck Rod and Gun Club and the City Club, the latter being of Boston.

Mr. Webster married, September 2, 1925, Georgia Wathen, of Springfield. They have two children: Joyce M. and William A. The family have many friends in Blackstone, where they have their home.

JAMES C. AUSTIN, M. D.—Spencer and the adjoining towns have been singularly fortunate in the type of professional men who have made these their headquarters and homes. In the coterie thus created, James C. Austin, M. D., holds an important place not only as an important physician, but because of his constructive interest in civic affairs and educational and cultural progress.

He is a native of Brattleboro, Vermont, born June 17, 1875, the son of Martin and Elizabeth (Brosnahan) Austin, who were brought by their parents to this country more than a century ago from Ireland. At that long ago period, Irish settlers in Vermont were few, but the original James Austin, by his abilities, particularly in agriculture, and fine personal qualities, readily made himself a popular citizen of the community. Martin Austin, his son and the father of Dr. Austin, also cultivated the land, as did the maternal grandparents, Cornelius and Catherine (Prendible) Brosnahan. Dr. Austin had several brothers and sisters, Catherine, Martin, Jr., John and Mary, all of whom are

married and gone their separate ways. The doctor received his elementary education in the district school and was graduated from the Brattleboro High School. He then matriculated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1896 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After serving long interneships in the Maryland Maternity and the Baltimore City hospitals, he went to Spencer, Worcester County, in 1898, where he has since been located.

The record of more than a third of a century spent in one town is no monotonous one. Dr. Austin had to overcome the barriers that stand in the way of every young professional man making his start. How well he succeeded is evidenced by the respect in which he is held, his standing among his colleagues all over the county, and the large clientele which is his. He is a member of the American, Massachusetts State and Worcester County Medical associations, the Brookfield Medical Society and the Massachusetts Medico-Legal Society. He has been an associate medical examiner for the district for two decades and has been a member of the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health for many years. During the World War period he acted as a member of Division No. 11, of the Selective Service Department. For twenty years Dr. Austin has been the chairman of the Spencer Board of Health and for a similar period has served as the school physician of the town. The scope of his non-professional interests is broad, including the cause of education, cultural movements, humanitarian projects, and others to a lesser extent. A Democrat of long standing, the doctor uses his influence politically without aspiring to public office. He is chairman of the board of trustees of the Richard Sugden Library and affiliates with the Calvert Club and the Knights of Columbus.

On November 6, 1906, Dr. James C. Austin married in St. Paul's Catholic Church, Worcester, Agnes G. Duggan, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Hanlon) Duggan. Mrs. Austin's father came from Ireland, while her mother is a native of London, England; the family have lived in Worcester for many years. Dr. and Mrs. Austin are the parents of three daughters, all of whom are graduates of the Spencer grammar and high schools: 1. Gertrude E., graduate of Trinity College, Washington, District of Columbia, who is a teacher. 2. Catherine, also a graduate of Trinity College and a bacteriologist. 3. Jane, a student.

JOSEPH W. LAVIGNE, an industrial executive and native of the city of Worcester, is the son of Narcisse J. and Armiline (Delorme) Lavigne. His father, a native of the Province of Quebec and connected nearly all his life with the shoe industry, died in 1921; Mrs. Lavigne was born at East Douglas, Massachusetts, and died in 1929.

Joseph W. Lavigne, after receiving his education in the public schools, set out to make a livelihood for himself and for a time was connected with a printing plant and also engaged in newspaper work. While thus occupied he conceived the idea of manufacturing and placing upon the market a medicinal product to which the name "Pepsenic Seltzer" was given. Having secured financial backing for his idea, he organized in 1919, the Pepsenic Seltzer Company, of Worcester. A plant, small in the beginning, was located at No. 418 Main Street, but the rapid expansion of the business soon made this too limited. The business was moved to No. 98 Front Street, but this again proving too small, the business was removed to the Hessler Building at No. 212 Summer Street, which was purchased by the company. The business has grown to such an extent that the whole building is now used by the Pepsenic Seltzer Company for its products, which have been increased to include a number of preparations sold to the drug trade. Arthur Bushnell was the first president, and Joseph W. Lavigne was the only other officer. At the present writing the officials of the company are: Leopold Maynard, president; Joseph W. Lavigne, treasurer and general manager. The company's products are shipped all over the world, and the success of the concern must be largely credited to the abilities, skill, and unflagging efforts of Mr. Lavigne. He has taken his place among the citizens of Worcester as one ever ready to promote any enterprise which makes for the prosperity of the city and the welfare of its people. During the World War he was foremost in the various loans and humanitarian organization "drives" which characterized those strenuous days. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; his clubs are the Rotary and Wachusett Country clubs, and he is a member of various other societies and organizations.

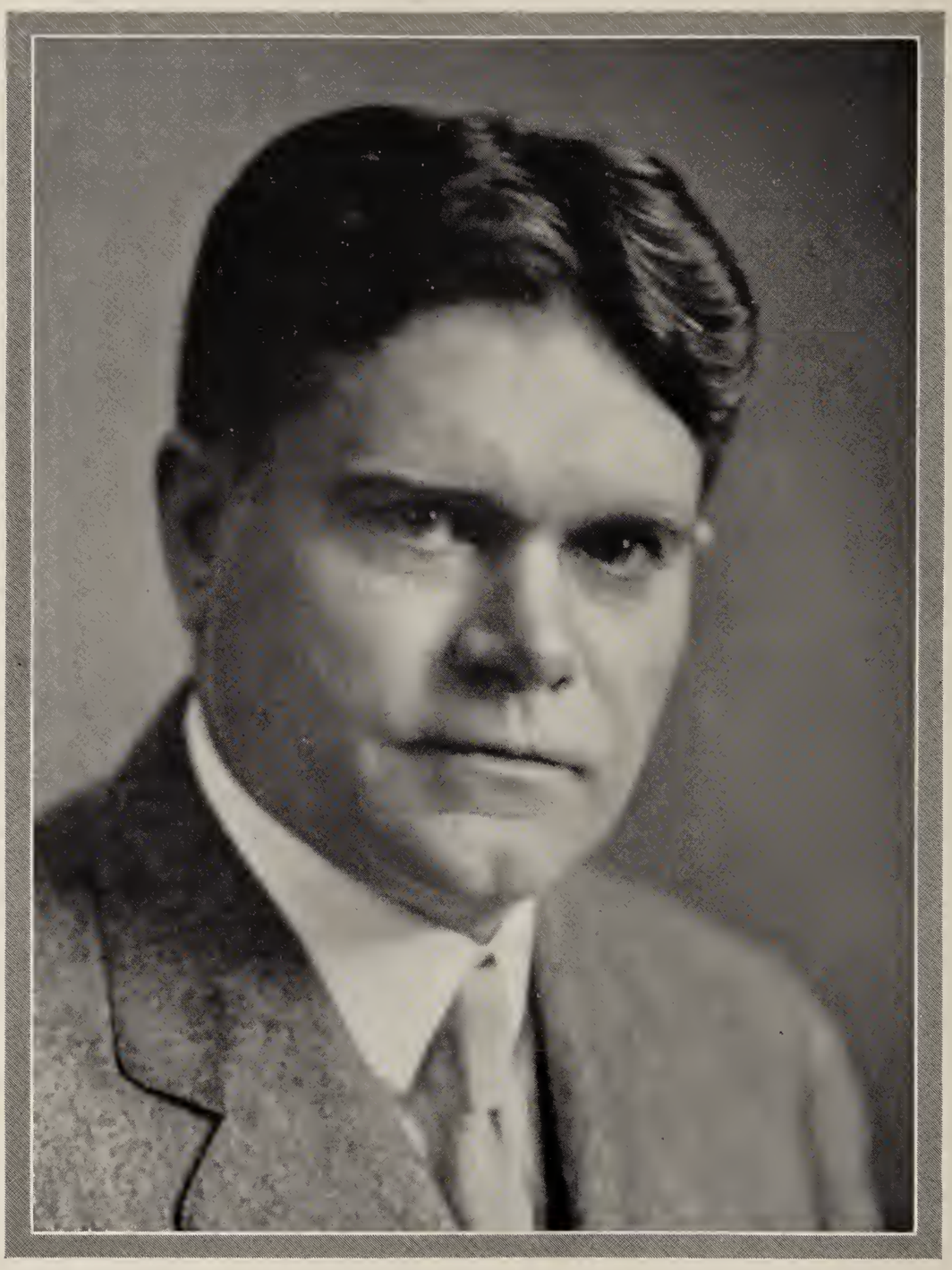
Mr. Lavigne married (first) Anna McCarthy, now deceased, and they were the parents of three children: Richard J., Frances Elizabeth, and Anna Catherine. He married (second) Helen Murphy. Mr. and Mrs. Lavigne make their home at No. 461 Chandler Street, Worcester.

HERBERT H. DUDLEY—The substantial residents and business men of the community of Whitinsville feel that they are capably represented in Herbert H. Dudley, president of the Whitinsville Savings Bank and a well-known merchant. He has risen to his present position and standing in the town from a clerkship in his father's store. For nearly four decades he has held the office of town treasurer and has filled other offices in the municipal government.

The family of Dudley has been identified with the business life of Whitinsville for at least two generations. Paul W. Dudley, father of the banker, was engaged in merchandising there until his death, which occurred in 1872.

Herbert H. Dudley, son of Paul W. Dudley, was born in Whitinsville, March 9, 1855, and received his education in the local public schools and at the Mowry and Goff School in Providence, Rhode Island. As a young man he entered the service of his father as a clerk in the latter's store. On the death of the elder Dudley, the son, Herbert H., became an associate of his cousin, C. V. Dudley, in business and remained with him for about twelve years. In 1894 he opened his own store and has since done business profitably in his own name, having a general mercantile establishment.

In 1895 Mr. Dudley was elected town treasurer and has held the office without interruption to the present writing, a period of almost forty years. His financial ability was long ago still further recognized, when he was chosen president of the Whitinsville Savings Bank and a director of the



John C. Mahoney

First National Bank. He served on the board of selectmen for a brief period and was a member of the school committee thirteen years. His interest in the cause of education was helpful in advancing the standing of the local system. He is affiliated with the "Blue" Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, and Whitinsville Golf Club.

MAYOR JOHN C. MAHONEY—The mayor of Worcester, Hon. John C. Mahoney, is one of the citizens of this country who came to America seeking larger opportunity and who, by sheer perseverance, have risen to positions of honor and usefulness.

Mayor John C. Mahoney was born in Boherbue, County Cork, Ireland, March 22, 1879, son of Cornelius and Mary (Foley) Mahoney. He received his early education in the public schools of his native district, but even as a boy he determined to leave his native land and seek for himself better things than could be found in the distressed Ireland of that time. He was only seventeen years of age when he acted upon his resolve. Sailing for America, he landed in Boston, and came at once to Worcester, where there were friends of the family, and, with characteristic directness and decisiveness, he "declared his intention" of becoming a citizen of the United States. He was strong and willing to work at any honest job by which he could earn a living, so he soon found employment, working with a pick and shovel in one of the local cemeteries. For steady labor, ten hours a day, six days a week, he received nine dollars each weekly pay day, but he determined to live on that until he could find something better. He continued work in the cemetery until he secured a job as a coal shoveler in the Boston and Maine Railroad Company's round house, and this he followed until he entered city employ as a laborer in the Worcester Water Department. He then passed a civil service examination and was appointed clerk in the department, resigning in 1913 from that position on account of his studies in Boston. During all this time he was working toward a goal which he had set for himself and laying foundations for his dream castle—the dream which he determined to make come true. His ambition was to become an attorney, and with that end in view he steadily made use not only of all of his spare time, but all the time he could get for study. Soon after coming to this country he enrolled in the evening grammar school near his home on Shrewsbury Street, where he resided with friends. Later he entered the evening high school. Thus it was that when, as a laborer in the employ of the Worcester Water Department, he took the examinations for advancement to the position of timekeeper he passed with the highest rating among a large group of candidates. After graduation from the evening high school, having in mind his possible needs as a law student and later as an attorney, he continued in the evening high school for another year, taking a post-graduate course which included Latin, Spanish, and French. Then, desiring to become thoroughly familiar with business fundamentals, he took a year's evening course in one of the business colleges. Still keeping his position in the water department, he enrolled in the evening classes of the Law School conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association of Boston, now part of Northeastern College. Each day, when his work in the water department was finished at five o'clock in the afternoon, he left Worcester by train for Boston and here studied hard until he returned at midnight. Sometime between midnight and morning, and on Saturday evenings and Sundays, he took all the time he could spare for the necessary study and at the end of four years he completed his course and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Not yet satisfied with his equipment for his chosen work, he enrolled at the Harvard University Summer School for a ten weeks' course in English, Latin, and public speaking, and in the fall of 1912 and the spring of 1913 he pursued a post-graduate law course at Boston University Law School. He was admitted to the bar in 1914. At last he had achieved his goal. He was a duly accredited member of the legal profession.

Meantime, however, he had entered public life and in 1911 had been elected, on the Democratic ticket, State Representative for Ward Three, Worcester. In the General Assembly, from 1911 to 1914, he had been a member of many important committees and had been especially interested in the workmen's compensation measures. He had also served on the special recess committee which, after a detailed study of municipal finance, framed the Municipal Indebtedness Act. In 1914 Mayor Mahoney declined renomination as a candidate for the Legislature, but accepted nomination for and was elected a member of the board of aldermen for Ward Three of the city of Worcester. During this time and also during his term as alderman his law practice continued to grow, and for this reason he declined a second term as alderman. Always interested in the advancement of the public welfare, however, he still gave time to various public enterprises. In 1922 he was elected for a term of six years a director of the Free Public Library of Worcester. He gave splendid service and was elected president of that body in 1927. All projects for the advancement of the interests of Worcester found in him a strong and generous supporter. Elected November 8, 1931, he was sworn in as mayor of the city of Worcester, on January 4, 1932, and that responsible position he has filled with honor to himself and benefit to the municipality. Known for his integrity and for his persistence in carrying through well considered projects, he has the hearty support of the people of Worcester, regardless of party affiliations. Mayor Mahoney is a member of numerous fraternal and other organizations and of several country clubs.

Hon. John C. Mahoney married, November 25, 1914, at Worcester, Mary G. O'Connor, daughter of John and Margaret O'Connor, of Worcester.

NAPOLEON AMEDEE RACICOT—Since his admission to the bar of Massachusetts Napoleon A. Racicot has been in practice in Webster and has become well known to his legal brethren and members of the bench in Worcester County. He is prominent politically in his district and in fraternal relations.

Mr. Racicot's father, Alexander N. Racicot, was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, and when a young man lived in Central Falls, Rhode Island. His education was completed at St. Césaire Commercial College, Quebec, where he was graduated. Since 1895 he has been engaged in the furniture

business in Webster. In 1912 he served the town as a member of the board of selectmen. He married Anna Lamothe, who was born in Thompson, Connecticut.

Napoleon Amedee Racicot was born in Dudley, Massachusetts, March 22, 1901, and after receiving his early training in the public schools, studied at St. Ann's Parochial School and Bartlett High School, where he was graduated in 1920. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Holy Cross College on graduation in 1924. In the class of 1927 he graduated Bachelor of Laws at Boston University. He studied at the Harvard Law School for supplementary work one year. He was certified for practice at the bar of Massachusetts in 1928 and in the same year was admitted to the bar of the State of Maine. In that year he located in Webster and opened an office for practice, in which he has since been continuously engaged, building up a large and desirable clientage. He enjoys high standing in the Worcester County Bar Association.

In the affairs of the Republican party he has been active and prominent. He obtained the Republican nomination for Representative in 1930, but failed of election in the debacle which the entire Republican ticket suffered. He is president of the Webster Republican Club. Among his fraternal and civic affiliations are: Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Order of Franco-American Foresters, Catholic Order of Foresters of America, Franco-American Civic League, Canada-Americaine Association, Club Gagnon (president), Société Historique Franco-Americaine.

REV. JOHN A. MARTIN—St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church at Southboro, of which the Rev. John A. Martin is now pastor, was built and dedicated in 1887 as a mission of St. Matthew's Parish, in Cordaville. With the shift in population, however, St. Anne's has became the parish church and the original church in Cordaville, built forty-five years ago, is now a mission.

The history of the parish dates back to 1860, when the first mass was said at Wilson's Hall at Cordaville by the Rev. Patrick Cuddihy. He continued to say mass at intervals there until 1864, when Father Barry came. In 1870, when the Diocese of Springfield was organized, Coradville was transferred from Milford to Westboro, and at that time Father Richard Donovan came to its people. During his pastorate, in 1872, Herbert Wilson deeded a half-acre of land to the church to be used as a church site. Two years later, in 1874, Father Eagan, who had succeeded Father Donavan as pastor, began excavations for the erection of a church building. Father Eagan was succeeded by Father Cornelius Cronin, who came in 1877. During his pastorate, St. Matthew's Church at Cordaville was built. He remained until his death on September 22, 1881. After Father Cronin came Father R. S. Burke, who was succeeded by father McCoy, who took up his duties in February, 1887. Just previous to his arrival, Cordaville was made a parish. Father McCoy, who had been a curate at Webster, remained at the Westboro Church until Father Redican became the first resident pastor of St. Matthew's Church, which he served from November, 1886, to November, 1893. Two years after he came to St. Matthew's, he purchased land in the town of Southboro and there built the pretty village Church of St. Anne, which was dedicated on December 13, 1887, by Bishop O'Reilly. Father Redican came here in 1886. He was a man much beloved by all who knew him and his parishioners greatly regretted his being transferred to Leicester in November, 1892. The Rev. Martin Murphy became his successor. He paid off the church debt and was a man greatly esteemed. He was succeeded by the Rev. William Finneran, who built the present fine rectory and remained till December, 1902.

He was succeeded by the Rev. James J. Terrill, who came, in December, 1902, and remained till October, 1905. After him came the Rev. James J. Farrell, who served from October, 1905, until July, 1911. Father William Fallon was the next pastor, serving from July 1911, till July, 1913, when he was followed by the Rev. P. H. Boland, who remained from July, 1913, to July, 1919. Father James P. Curran served from July, 1919, to July, 1925. He was succeeded by Father Francis J. Maxwell, now (1934) of West Fitchburg, who served from July, 1925, to July, 1933, and was followed by the present pastor, Father John A. Martin, who came in July, 1933.

Father Martin was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, April 14, 1889, and received his preliminary education in the common and parochial schools of that city. Following his graduation from Rosary High School, he entered Holy Cross College in Worcester and on completion of the required course in 1911 took his degree. He prepared for the priesthood in the Grand Seminary at Montreal and was ordained a priest December 19, 1914. Father Martin's first charge was in Worcester. Later he went to St. Bernard's Church in Fitchburg and still later to St. Mary's in Southbridge. He was there from 1916 to July, 1918. He was chaplain at Fort Slocum from July, 1918, to February, 1919. For the next eight years he served Our Lady of Hope parish in Springfield and from August, 1927, until July, 1928, was assistant pastor of St. Anne's Church in Worcester. At the end of that time he was appointed as assistant at St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield, remaining until July, 1933, when he came to St. Anne's Church in Southboro. This parish has in all about eight hundred souls, divided among St. Anne's Church, which seats about four hundred, and the four outlying missions. It is a vigorous and active parish, with a number of church societies, including the Holy Name Society, the Children of Mary, the societies for single and married women, the Knights of Columbus and their club. Three masses are celebrated, two at St. Anne's Church on Sundays and one at St. Matthew's in Cordaville. Father Martin, in his work, has the assistance of one curate, the Rev. Edward J. Schuster. He has entered upon his duties in the parish with enthusiasm and his guiding hand is already apparent in the renewed devotional spirit of its people.

RAYMOND W. SHELDON—In the dual rôle of owner and publisher of the "Webster Evening Times," Raymond W. Sheldon is making his contributions to the Fourth Estate and at the same time purveying the news to and voicing the opinions of his public. Born in Woodstock, Connecticut, July 17, 1893, Mr. Sheldon is the son of Wayland W. and Emma Louise (Coldman) Shel-

don, both parents natives of that State, the father a prominent citizen of his community, where he engaged in merchandising and filled the office of selectman. From the public schools of his home town, the son, Raymond W., entered Woodstock Academy, where he was graduated in 1910. He finished his college preparatory course at Williston Academy, Easthampton, Massachusetts, in 1913 and matriculated at Brown University, where he was graduated in the class of 1917.

His first important position was that of assistant purchasing agent of the Merrimac Chemical Company, Boston. In early 1918 he enlisted for the World War and was stationed at Camp Upton, Long Island, New York, whence he was transferred to Camp Lee, Virginia, where he was commissioned a lieutenant in the army. He was mustered out of the service in 1919. In that year he returned to his former position in the Merrimac Chemical Company and remained there two years.

It was in 1921 that Mr. Sheldon came to Webster and purchased the "Webster Times," a weekly newspaper. On October 1, 1923, he changed the journal to a daily and restyled it the "Webster Evening Times." Under his guidance the paper has grown in volume of circulation and the amount of advertising carried. He is rated as a successful newspaperman, who has advanced remarkably in this field since he purchased the paper.

He is vice-president of the Webster Five-Cent Savings Bank, vice-president of the Webster District Hospital, and a former president (1931) of the Rotary Club of Webster. His fraternal affiliations include Putnam Lodge, No. 46, Free and Accepted Masons, of Woodstock, Connecticut; Webster Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Worcester; and Webster Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Sheldon married, June 28, 1924, Prudence Hinckley, of Stonington, Connecticut, and they have a son, Raymond W., Jr., born February 13, 1927.

LEON A. GOODALE—The appointment, in 1929, of Leon A. Goodale, of Worcester, as water commissioner and water registrar, met with the general approval of all who knew anything of Mr. Goodale's training and experience. Twenty years of an engineering career covering twenty-two years were spent in activities covering water developments. He is a native of West Boylston, Massachusetts, born March 1, 1876, the son of Aaron (4th) and Nellie G. (Merriam) Goodale. The former, who died August 17, 1911, was born at West Boylston, Massachusetts, and his mother was a native of Sterling in the same State. The family is a very old one in New England, tracing back to Puritan days, with members on record who served during the American Revolution. On the paternal side of the house, the progenitor of the family, Robert Goodale, was born in England in 1604 and came from Ipswich, England, to settle in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1634.

Leon A. Goodale, as a lad, knew something about life on a farm and in the town as well. He was educated in the local schools of his birthplace, prepared for college, and attended Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. He taught school and later became associated with the engineering force of the Metropolitan Water Board, a connection which lasted for seven and a half years. He assisted in the construction of the famous Wachusett Reservoir. In 1907 he resigned from the Metropolitan Water Board to accept a position with the city of Worcester in the engineering department. Later he was the engineer in charge of the construction of the Kendall Reservoir and the Pine Hill Reservoir. In 1929 he succeeded George W. Batchelder as water commissioner and water registrar. How well he was prepared to take over the new office may be judged from the fact that twenty of his previous twenty-two years of service and engineering had been spent in the construction of water works. Mr. Goodale therefore knows the system over which he is in charge not only from the ground now covered by the waters of the reservoirs he helped construct, but the possession of that knowledge is recognized by his colleagues.

Mr. Goodale is versatile in his tastes, enjoyments and activities. As a thoroughly public-minded citizen he endeavors to promote the better development of Worcester. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and a popular figure in its meetings. He keeps in close touch with his colleagues in his profession as a member of the Worcester Engineering Society and the New England and the American Water Works associations. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was a master before he was twenty-five years of age. Mr. Goodale is deeply interested in history, particularly the annals of New England, and enjoys research along historical lines. He made a most enlightening address at the One Hundredth Anniversary of his birthplace, West Boylston, Massachusetts; and gave another of interest in the same town at the opening of the Beaman Memorial Library, in which the history of one branch of the Beaman family is carefully traced. His church has been the Baptist for many years.

In 1902 Mr. Goodale married Elsie M. Phelps, of Marlborough, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Lois I., now the wife of George S. Adams. 2. Pauline E., who married Frank J. Fleming. 3. Edith Lucy. 4. Arnold Phelps.

GEORGE ARNOLD RICE, M. D.—Well known in Holden and vicinity is Dr. George Arnold Rice, specialist in diseases of the ear, nose, and throat, and bronchoscopy, one of the early members of the staff of Holden Hospital and one of the founders of Holden Clinic.

Dr. George Arnold Rice was born in Worcester, September 30, 1891, received his early education in the public schools of his native city and then, after completing his high school course, entered Tufts College, at Boston, where he completed his medical course with graduation *cum laude* in 1916. He served his interneship in the Rhode Island Hospital, at Providence, and then, like thousands of other young men all over the country, decided that the World War offered opportunity for unusual service and surgical and medical experience. Commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, United States Army, he was attached to the British Army, serving with the Royal Flying Corps for five months. Then he was assigned back to the United States Army Air Service for thirteen months in the 186th Air Squadron, having

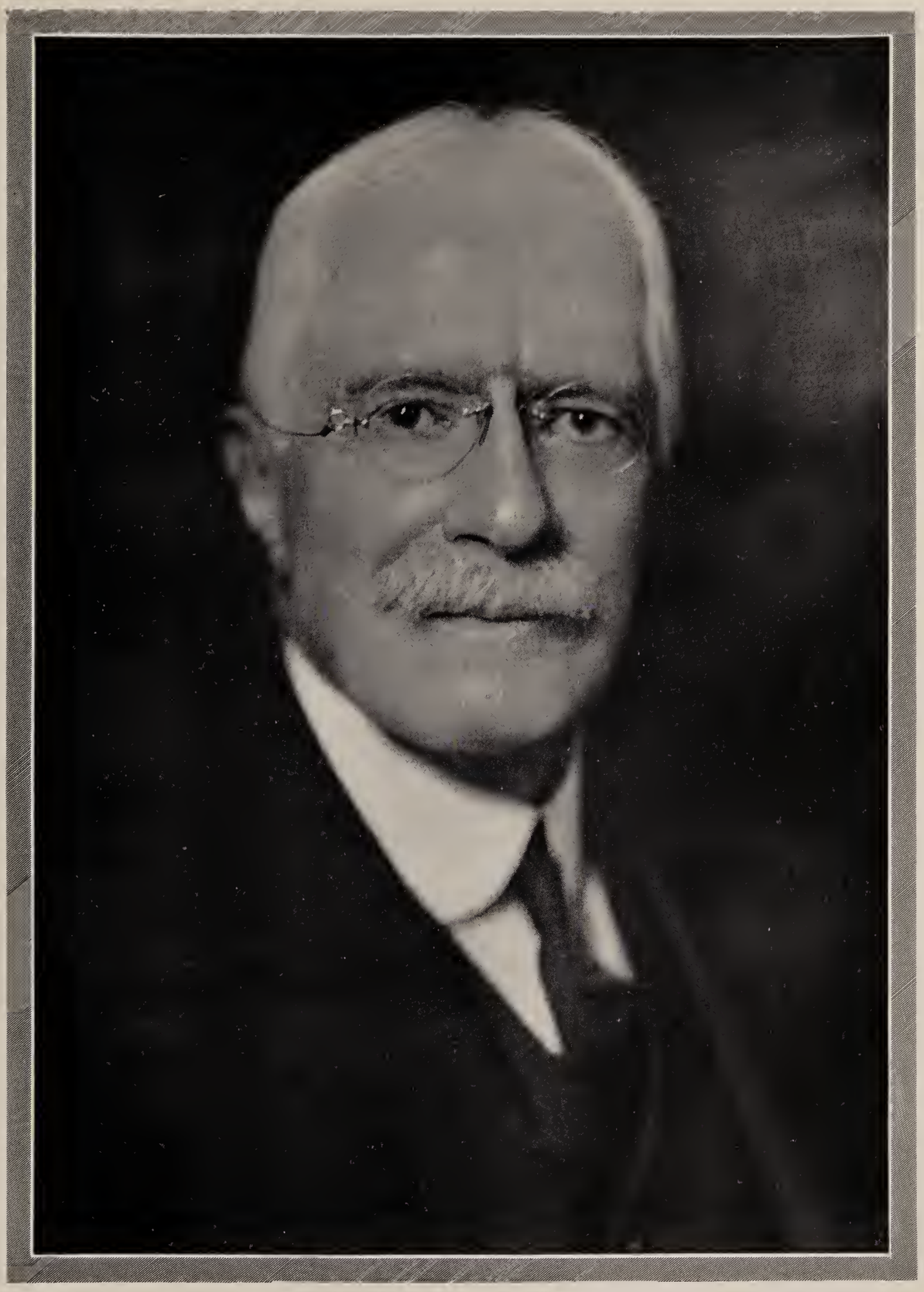
charge of this division in health, sanitation, and accident in addition to his duties as surgeon. Eighteen months of this service, during which time he ministered to some of the most terrible cases of mutilation and suffering possible to the human race, gave him unusually valuable experience, so far as general surgery was concerned and made him painfully familiar with the blighting, devastating effects of war. After the close of the war he continued in the Reserve Corps, subject to call at any time, for a period of five years. But as soon as the need for active service was over he resigned, which left him holding three commissions, one of first lieutenant and two of captain. On October 1, 1919, he located in Holden, in association with Dr. Washburn (a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this work) and helped to organize the now well-known and highly efficient Holden Clinic, which has the distinction of being the only one located in a small town in the State. The fact that this clinic is located in a small town, however, has not prevented its development into one of the finest of its kind to be found anywhere. Five physicians and surgeons, all specialists in their field, have their offices in the building, and together form a body of highly skilled men prepared to give expert service in combating any disease. At the same time that the Holden Clinic was founded, Dr. Washburn and Dr. Rice were conducting, in a private home, a hospital of six beds. That small private hospital has, under the skillful management of its founders, grown and developed until it has become the splendid institution known as Holden District Hospital, housed in a fine building of its own, equipped with every possible convenience and device for the scientific treatment of disease, and offering accommodation for forty patients. To it patients come from all parts of Massachusetts and from neighboring states, drawn by the reputation for skill of the staff and excellence of care given in the hospital. Of the seven hundred and forty patients who have entered the hospital in the past year, including those needing five hundred and forty-three major and minor operations, only twenty-six have died, record of which any hospital might well be proud. In connection with the hospital and clinic a visiting nurses' branch is maintained, and during the past year these nurses visited four hundred and forty-three patients. As a member of the staff of both hospital and clinic, Dr. Rice serves as a specialist in diseases of the ear, nose, and throat. He is also a member of the staff of the Rutland State Sanatorium and of the Worcester County Sanitorium, to which institutions he goes whenever he is called. As the Rutland State Sanatorium, which is the first hospital founded in the United States for the treatment of tuberculosis only, has three hundred and eighty beds, Dr. Rice, who has a large general practice in addition to his special institutional duties, is a very busy man. He is a member of the Wachusett Medical Society, Massachusetts State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and also of the American Sanitorium Association. In addition to his very numerous and exacting duties, he has also found time to write on medical topics for publication. Fraternally, he is identified with West Boylston Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. He was a member of Company No. 1, Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, and Phi Chi medical college fraternity.

Dr. George Arnold Rice married, June 29, 1922, Helen G. Spooner, of Providence, Rhode Island, daughter of B. Franklin Spooner, a well-known wholesale dealer in notions, of Providence, where he has been located for many years. Dr. Rice met his future wife while serving his interneship in the Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, where Miss Spooner, a graduate of that hospital was serving as a nurse. Dr. and Mrs. Rice have two children: Jack H. and Marilyn N.

FRANCIS HENSHAW DEWEY—As lawyer, capitalist, corporation official, Francis Henshaw Dewey was prominently identified with the industrial and commercial growth and development of the city of Worcester. He was a native of this progressive city, born March 23, 1856. Mr. Dewey was a son of Francis H. and Sarah B. (Tufts) Dewey, both of an old line of New England ancestry whose families were very prominent in business and professional life antedating the Revolutionary War.

After the regular preparatory education at St. Mark's School, Southborough, Mr. Dewey entered Williams College, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1876, also being elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society; he received the Master of Arts degree in 1879. From Harvard he received, in 1878, the degree of Bachelor of Laws. After leaving college he began the study of law in Worcester, was admitted to the bar of Worcester County in 1879, and practiced here until his death.

Mr. Dewey was actively connected with thirty corporations and institutions as an official and director in many of the most important industrial, financial and commercial enterprises in Massachusetts and was one of the foremost men of large affairs in the city of Worcester. After serving thirty-two years as president of Mechanics National Bank, he resigned to accept the chairmanship of its board, and a younger man, Frederic B. Washburn, became its president. He was chairman of the board of the New England Investment and Security Company; director of the Springfield Railway Company; in 1893 was made attorney and director and in 1897 president of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company, served twenty-five years as president, and then was chairman of the board; was a director of the Worcester and Webster Railway Company, the Interstate Consolidated Street Railway Company, Attleboro, the Branch Railroad Company and the Webster and Dudley Street Railway Company; was a director, counsel and vice-president of the Worcester Gas Light Company; past vice-president, trustee and on the board of investment of the Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank; vice-president of the Worcester Morris Plan Company; director on the executive committee of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company; director of the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company; president of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, the New London Northern Railroad Company, and the Proprietors of the Bay State House; and was a director and president of several other business corporations. Mr. Dewey was vice-president and treasurer of Clark University and Clark College; trustee of Williams College; president of



Francis H. Dewey.

the Worcester Art Museum; president of the Home for Aged Men; vice-president of the Memorial Hospital; chairman of the board of commissioners of the City of Worcester Hospital Funds; director of the Asscociated Charities of Worcester; member of the council of the American Antiquarian Society; president of the Rufus Putnam Memorial Association; treasurer of the St. Wulstan Society; member of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts; trustee of the Walter E. Fernald School for the Feeble-Minded, named in memory of Dr. Fernald, who had been in charge of that institution, which is situated in Waverly, Massachusetts, for thirty-five years. He was a member and formerly vice-president of the Worcester County Bar Association and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. His club affiliations were as follows: Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, Worcester Fire Society, St. Wulstan Society, University Club and Williams Club of New York, Kappa Alpha Society of Williams College, Union Club of Boston, and Point Judith Country Club, Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island, of which he was a past president. He was a member of the Second Parish (First Unitarian) Church

During the period of the World War Mr. Dewey was on local and State committees and very prominent in Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives.

On December 12, 1878, Francis H. Dewey married Lizzie Davis Bliss, daughter of Harrison Bliss and Sarah (Howe) Bliss, of Worcester. Their son, Francis H. Dewey, Jr., was graduated from Williams College in 1909 and from Harvard Law School in 1912 and was in the War Department for eighteen months during the World War, at Washington, District of Columbia, serving as one of the assistants in that department. He is counsel and trustee of the Mechanics Savings Bank and counsel and director of the Mechanics National Bank, both of Worcester; director of the Merchants and Farmers Insurance Company of Worcester, and a director in several other industrial and financial corporations. He married Dorothy Bowen of Providence, Rhode Island, and they are the parents of two girls and two boys, Elizabeth Bowen Dewey, Francis H. Dewey, 4th, Dorothy Dewey and Henry Bowen Dewey. They reside in Worcester. Their daughter, Elizabeth B., married Rockwood H. Bullock, of Worcester, son of the late A. George Bullock, for many years president of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester. They are the parents of four children: A. George, Francis Dewey, Elizabeth Chandler, and Mary Chandler Bullock.

Francis Henshaw Dewey passed away April 20, 1933.

JOHN C. DEWEY—In length of practice, John Clarke Dewey, well known patent attorney of Worcester, ranked among the oldest in the city, having been admitted to the bar in 1881. Over a period of half a century he handled patent negotiations for some of the city's largest manufacturing establishments. He was a son of Hon. Francis H. and Sarah B. (Tufts) Dewey, members of prominent pioneer families of New England, whose eminence in business and professional life dates from the Colonial period, and was a brother of Francis Henshaw Dewey (q. v.), lawyer, financier and corporation official.

John Clarke Dewey was born at Worcester, May 19, 1857, and was prepared to enter college by studies in the local grade and high schools, and the Fay and St. Mark's schools of Southboro. He then entered Williams College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1878, holding the degree of Bachelor of Arts; later he was awarded his Master's degree in Arts. Mr. Dewey was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. In 1881 he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of the legal profession. Patent law interested him from the first and he became one of the recognized authorities on this phase of law in New England. Mr. Dewey studied patent law under Thomas H. Dodge, with whom he became associated in 1881, a partnership which continued from that year until 1884. After that and until his death he practiced without affiliations with any law firm. Among his clients were the former Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company, the Royal Worcester Corset Company and other important corporations.

Mr. Dewey was a member of the Worcester County Bar Association, the Massachusetts State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Besides his connection with his college fraternity, Mr. Dewey was a member of the University and Williams College clubs of New York, the Union Club of Boston, and the Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, of which he was an early member, Quinsigamond Boat Club, and other clubs of the city. His religious faith was that of the Protestant Episcopal Church. For many years he was a trustee of the Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton. Mr. Dewey inherited the old homestead of the Dewey family at No. 23 Chestnut Street, one of the finest old Colonial mansions of Worcester, where his father lived for many years and all his brothers and sisters were born.

On June 12, 1888, John Clarke Dewey married Sarah B. Dewey, of Newton, Massachusetts, and they were the parents of two children: 1. John C. Dewey, Jr., treasurer of the Berkshire Life Insurance Company, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, who, during the World War, was a first lieutenant and aviation ground officer in the army service at Kelly Field, Texas. He has been made a trustee of the Clarke School in his father's place. He married Marjorie D. Talbot, and is the father of two children: John Clarke Dewey, 3d, and Talbot A. Dewey. 2. Daniel, of the Eaton Spring and Axel Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, who married Edith French, and they are the parents of four children: Daniel, Jr., Joseph Eaton, Winsor French and Edith Ide.

John Clarke Dewey died on September 13, 1932, at the age of seventy-five years. His had been the useful career of a civic-minded citizen. Gifted intellectually, disciplined in mind and body, with a capacity for intense and continued work, courteous, kindly, generous, John C. Dewey had many friends who deeply mourned his passing.

GEORGE TUFTS DEWEY—Member of a family long distinguished in Massachusetts life, George Tufts Dewey has been an active member of the Worcester bar for many years.

Mr. Dewey was born at Worcester on September 12, 1858, a son of the Hon. Francis Henshaw

and Sarah Barker (Tufts) Dewey. His father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all members of the Massachusetts judiciary. This family was established in America by Thomas Dewey, who came from Sandwich, Kent, England in 1633 and settled in Dorchester.

George Tufts Dewey received his preliminary education in public and private schools of Worcester. Subsequently he attended Fay School at Southboro, Mount Pleasant Institute, at Amherst, from which he was graduated in 1875, and Williams College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts with honors in 1879 and the further degree of Master of Arts in 1882. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity at Williams. Meanwhile he had begun the study of law in the offices of Bacon and Hopkins in Worcester, and later entered Harvard Law School, where he completed his studies in 1882. In the same year he was admitted to the bar in Worcester and began practice in the office of the Hon. Frank P. Goulding. From 1883 to 1907 he was engaged in general practice with Thomas G. Kent under the firm name of Kent and Dewey, and since that time has continued alone. Mr. Dewey has largely specialized in corporation law and has served as counsel to many corporations and other important concerns.

On the death of his father in 1887, he succeeded him as director and general counsel for the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company, continuing in that capacity until 1898, when the company was absorbed by the American Steel and Wire Company. Among the other corporations, with which he has been associated as counsel and director, may be mentioned: Grafton and Knight Manufacturing Company (vice-president); Worcester Electric Light Company (president for a short time); Wright Wire Company (for some time treasurer); Worcester Cold Storage and Warehouse Company (treasurer); Baldwin Chain and Manufacturing Company (president, also treasurer for some time); Massachusetts Corset Company (treasurer); and Pure Ice Company (treasurer). Upon the organization of the Columbian National Life Insurance Company of Boston, he became one of its directors.

Mr. Dewey is a member of the American Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Worcester County Bar Association. He was also a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Club, the Harvard Club of Worcester, the Worcester Branch of the Foreign Policy Association, the Worcester Historical Society, the Williams College clubs of Boston, New York and Worcester, the Worcester County Williams College Alumni Association, the Union Club of Boston, the Worcester Club, the Worcester Country Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Twentieth Century Club of Worcester and the Quinsigamond Boat Club. He is a member and vestryman of All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church, was a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and a member of its building committee, a member of the advisory board of the Young Women's Christian Association, and was formerly president of the Worcester Boys' Club.

On June 28, 1898, George Tufts Dewey married Mary Linwood Nichols, daughter of Dr. Lemuel Bliss and Lydia Carter (Anthony) Nichols of Worcester. They are the parents of three children: 1. Mary Linwood, born in Florence, Italy, now the wife of Richard G. Norris. 2. George Tufts, Jr., born in Worcester on April 23, 1900. He served in the United States Navy during the World War. 3. Charles Nichols, born in Worcester on July 7, 1903; married Barbara Bruske.

JAMES P. BERGEN—In the offices of treasurer of the Webster Coöperative Bank and of town treasurer of Webster, James P. Bergen has discharged important responsibilities for which he is well fitted by experience. Born in Leicester, Massachusetts, September 16, 1885, Mr. Bergen is the son of Michael and Jane (Fitzpatrick) Bergen, both parents natives of Queenstown, Ireland, who came to America about 1870 and settled in Leicester, where the father, now deceased, pursued the trade of a carpenter. Having received his education in the public schools and at Leicester Academy, James P. Bergen engaged in the grocery business in association with his brothers in Oxford, Massachusetts.

He next took up the profession of accountancy and was connected with an office of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for four years. Later he had charge of all the accountancy work at the Cheney Silk Mills in Manchester, Connecticut, and after resigning his position there he came to Webster. In 1918 he was made office manager of the Slater Converting Works in Webster and filled the position for six years. He resigned in 1924 to accept the office of treasurer of the Webster Coöperative Bank. He was elected town treasurer of Webster in 1927 to fill a vacancy, and has been reëlected annually. In 1928 he was a candidate for State treasurer of Massachusetts, but failed of election. He is a member of the Democratic town committee of Webster and an influential citizen in local politics. His fraternal alliances are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Bergen married (first), June 2, 1914, Margaret M. Glory, and by this marriage there is a son, James, born September 12, 1916. Mrs. Bergen died in December, 1919. He married (second), November 29, 1930, Lillian N. McGuinness.

REV. HARRY J. HACKETT—St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Charlton City is strikingly located on an eminence on the main thoroughfare from Worcester to Springfield. Although it is a small church, it cannot fail to attract the visitor. It is presided over by the Rev. Harry J. Hackett, who has been the pastor since 1930.

This parish was organized in 1900; previous to that it had been a mission of St. Mary's Church, at Southbridge. For a considerable period the congregation worshipped in a chapel, named Sacred Heart, but with the coming of Father John Bell in 1900 as permanent pastor, a new site was purchased, where a large and more beautiful church was soon built. Shortly afterwards he acquired the house and land across the street from the new church which was converted into the parish rectory. Father Bell, who is now pastor of St. Peter's Church in Worcester, remained at Charlton City for ten years. The next pastor was Father Michael Welsh, who remained at St. Joseph's until he died in 1922, a man much beloved by all his parishioners. He was succeeded by the Rev. James J. Hussey,

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who, in turn, was followed by the Rev. Matthew J. Boyne, now of Pittsfield. During Father Boyne's pastorate the church was destroyed by fire in 1923. For the next year the parishioners worshipped in a garage, during which time the present church was built. The new church, seating about three hundred, was completed and ready for occupancy in 1924. This edifice is attractive to visitors and parishioners alike. The fine impression created by the exterior is continued as the worshipper enters the portals of the church, where the rich, dark wood of the pews and other fixtures, the spaciousness of the dome-shaped ceiling and the luminous radiance of the stained glass windows induce a mood of reverence and awe.

Father Hackett was born in Portland, Maine, but came to Worcester with his parents at five years of age. He received his preliminary education in schools of that city, attending Quinsigamond Grammar School and Classical High School. In 1907 he was graduated from Holy Cross College at Worcester and subsequently entered Grand Seminary at Montreal to complete his theological studies. Here he was ordained to the priesthood on December 17, 1910. Father Hackett's first charge was at Mount St. Vincent, Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he served as chaplain for a short time. He then went to St. Mary's Church in Northampton, Massachusetts, and was assistant pastor there for two and a half years. Thereafter, until 1918, he was assistant pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Worcester.

Following the entry of the United States into the World War, Father Hackett volunteered his services and in 1918 went to France and was assigned as chaplain to Base Hospital No. 101. Later he was assigned to other divisions and Base Hospital No. 85. During his service he was brought into full contact with the horror and suffering of war. He remained in France until July, 1919, when he returned to the United States and received his discharge at Camp Dix, New Jersey. Returning to Worcester he was assigned to St. Ann's Church, Worcester, where he remained one and one-half years. For the next five years he served at St. Bernard's Church at Fitchburg, and then returned to St. Stephen's Church in Worcester, continuing for another four years. In July, 1930, he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Charlton City and came to his present charge. In the years that have passed, Father Hackett's cordial manner and kindly spirit have endeared him not only to the people of his own parish, but to his neighbors, all of whom look upon him as a true friend. His long experience with church problems and his ability as an administrator have won him in equal measure the respect of his community and have had very favorable results for the parish, whose steady progress reflects his guiding hand. St. Joseph's Church has the following societies which are vigorous and active: Holy Name Society, for men; Junior Holy Name Society, for boys; and Rosary Sodality and Children of Mary for women and girls.

NICHOLAS FUSARO—The popular and able attorney-at-law, Nicholas Fusaro, of Worcester, is a native of the city, born April 19, 1898, son of Carmine and Mary Grace (Mammone) Fusaro, both of whom are of Italian birth, came to the United States in 1888, and after a year's stay in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, settled in Worcester. Carmine Fusaro was for many years engaged in a mercantile business of his own establishment. He died March 3, 1926.

Nicholas Fusaro attended the local public schools of Worcester and was graduated from English High School with the class of 1915. He then matriculated at Northeastern Law School, and was in attendance there for the greater part of two years. He also studied law with Fusaro, Simpson and Foley, and was admitted to the bar of Worcester County, March, 1923. Later in that same year, he began the practice of his profession and in 1924 became a member of the law firm of Fusaro and Fusaro, the partnership consisting of two brothers, Nunziato and Nicholas Fusaro. He is a member of the Massachusetts State and Worcester County Bar associations. Fusaro and Fusaro have come to be known as one of the important law firms of the city, its members being held in high esteem by the legal profession. A clientele has been built up that is loyal and large.

Nicholas Fusaro takes a lively interest in everything that makes for the progress and betterment of the municipality and its people. Although not particularly interested in politics he has contributed valuably to civic advance. He is a member of the Wachusett Country Club and of the Beato Angelo D'Acri Mutual Benefit Association. Golf furnishes him with his favorite means of recreation, although he is fond of travel and serious reading.

On June 29, 1927, Mr. Fusaro married Dorothy G. Coonan, of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Fusaro reside at No. 4 Dean Street, Worcester.

FRANK E. SESSIONS—As president of the F. E. Sessions Company, manufacturers of caskets, and treasurer of the firm of George Sessions and Sons, undertakers, the late Frank E. Sessions was for many years the head of one of the oldest concerns of its kind in New England.

George Sessions, father of Frank E. Sessions and founder of the concerns mentioned above, was born in Worcester, October 23, 1814, and died there, November 8, 1901, son of George and Lucina (Lombard) Sessions and a descendant of the immigrant Samuel Sessions, who was born in England, but settled in Andover, Massachusetts, about 1630. The line descends from Samuel, the immigrant, through his son Alexander; his son Nathaniel; his son Amasa; his son Samuel; his son George, born in Union, Connecticut, in 1771, settled in Heath, Massachusetts, married Lucina Lombard, daughter of Joseph Lombard, a soldier of the Revolution, and granddaughter of Joseph Lombard, also a Revolutionary soldier, and they became the parents of George Sessions, founder of the firm of George Sessions and Sons. George Sessions attended the schools of his home town until he was seventeen and then came to Worcester to make his way in the world. Willing to work at whatever he could find to do, he found employment as a farm hand for a while and later entered the employ of the State Lunatic Asylum on Summer Street, where he remained for twelve years. About 1848, as a member of the firm of Howe and Sessions, he engaged in the manufacture of tools for shoemakers and in 1849 was manufacturing boot trees in Heywood's building. In 1850 he was appointed city undertaker and sexton and about that time he located at No. 63 Front Street, sold

his manufacturing business to his partner, John Howe, formed a partnership with Danforth B. Cummings, and engaged in the undertaking business. The partnership continued for two years, but in 1852 it was dissolved and Horace G. Mirick became Mr. Sessions' partner. For a time the business was located on Thomas Street, but later it was removed to No. 29 Front Street, and about 1874 it was again moved, this time to No. 9 Trumbull Street. The firm of George Sessions and Sons was the first established and the foremost undertaking establishment in the city of Worcester, and until 1886 Mr. Sessions held the office of city undertaker. In that year he retired from active participation in business, Waldo E. Sessions, taking charge of the undertaking business. About this time the Frank E. Sessions Company was formed and Frank E. Sessions took charge of this enterprise. George Sessions lived to see the business he had founded pass its fiftieth birthday, and during that long period of successful activity he had charge of thousands of funerals, including those of many distinguished men. During the Civil War period he gave free burial to many soldiers, and in addition to this, throughout his career, many families, unable to pay, received receipted bills for services rendered. George Sessions was married, in 1838, to Mary Goves Mirick, of Holden, Massachusetts, who died October 21, 1888, three weeks after the celebration of their golden wedding. They were the parents of three children. One of these was Waldo E., born in Heath, Massachusetts, February 12, 1843, died in Worcester, January 31, 1907, conducted the undertaking business after the retirement of his father; he married Josephine Ufford, and they had three children: 1. Laura. 2. Mary E. 3. Waldo E., Jr., who succeeded his father as president of the firm of George Sessions and Sons, Inc.; he married, July 14, 1902, Marie G. Webb, daughter of George D. Webb, and they have five children.

Frank E. Sessions, son of George and Mary Goves (Mirick) Sessions, was born in Worcester, May 22, 1852. He received his education in the public schools of Worcester and then associated himself with the undertaking and casket manufacturing business established by his father. Soon after passing his twenty-first birthday he was admitted to partnership with his father and in 1887 he became the head of the firm of F. E. Sessions and Company. From that time on he devoted his attention to the manufacture of caskets. Like his father, he began in a small way, employing at first only four men, but the business grew rapidly and by 1919 he was employing more than a hundred men and providing day and night service for more than a thousand undertakers located within a radius of three hundred miles from Worcester, making it by far the largest business of its kind in New England. As the business has grown the quarters have been enlarged, until at the present time the concern occupies three six-story buildings on Eaton Place. Mr. Sessions continued successfully in business until his death, August 7, 1931. Fraternally, he was identified with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Worcester, which he served for forty years, to the time of his resignation in 1926, as treasurer. He was also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, Worcester County Commandery of Knights Templar, and all the Scottish Rite bodies including the Massachusetts Consistory, which conferred upon him the thirty-second degree. He was likewise a member of the Rotary Club, in the affairs of which he took an active part for many years, and of the Worcester Country Club. Mr. Sessions was held in very high esteem, not only as an able business man whose integrity protected his patrons from any deviation from fair dealing, but as a citizen, friend, and neighbor, known and loved for his scrupulous honesty and for his many admirable qualities of character.

Frank E. Sessions married (first), April 22, 1874, Anna Josephine Scranton, daughter of Crawford and Annie (Montgomery) Scranton, of Providence, Rhode Island. They became the parents of four children: 1. George, born and died in 1875. 2. Florence, born June 26, 1876; married, October 6, 1899, Edmund A. Garland. 3. Ethel, born December 25, 1880. 4. George, born 1886, died in 1888. Mr. Sessions married (second), in 1909, Gertrude Kerns, who survives him. They had two children: 5. Mary Goves, born July 1, 1910. 6. Frank E., Jr., born January 23, 1912; now connected with the business established by his grandfather and developed by his father.

JOSEPH IRA LINDSAY, M. D.—For forty-five years Dr. Joseph Ira Lindsay, now of Grafton, has been engaged in practice as a physician and surgeon—in Worcester for more than thirty years of this time. Though he planned to retire when he removed to Grafton in 1928, he is still, at the urgent request of many of those whom he has served so long, keeping up a limited practice, both in Grafton and Worcester.

Ira Lindsay, father of Dr. Lindsay, was born in South Leeds, Maine, son of Robert Lindsay, who later removed from Maine to Grafton, Massachusetts, and descendant of David Lindsay, immigrant ancestor. The latter, who left Scotland in 1745, had formerly lived in the North of Ireland for a time, then came to America and settled in Maine in 1750. Here he died and his widow and two sons later removed to Massachusetts. Ira Lindsay received his education in the local schools of his birthplace and then learned the machinist's trade, which he followed until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Company A, 25th Massachusetts Regiment. He served under General Grant, took part in the battles of the Wilderness and at Cold Harbor, Virginia, where he was killed, June 3, 1864. Ira Lindsay married Mary Catherine Estabrook, who was born in Princeton, Massachusetts, January 18, 1830, daughter of Captain Washington Estabrook and descendant of several of the pioneers of Massachusetts. Ira and Mary Catherine (Estabrook) Lindsay had three children: 1. Ellen, born May 6, 1858, married Albert B. Curtis. 2. Kate Elizabeth, born January 16, 1860, married Charles D. Kendall, for many years president of the Warren Leather Goods Company of Worcester, whose career is described in a separate article. 3. Joseph Ira, of further mention.

Dr. Joseph Ira Lindsay, son of Ira and Mary Catherine (Estabrook) Lindsay, was born at No. 43 Orchard Street, Worcester, September 21, 1863. Nine months later his father was killed in action at Cold Harbor, and the mother, with her three small children went to Grafton, where Joseph Ira attended the public schools until he was eighteen

years old and then went West, where for a year he was employed in the office of the city engineer of Denver, Colorado. He followed this profession first on an irrigating proposition in southwestern Colorado, later in charge of a level party at Pikes Pike and still later with the Colorado Midland Railroad Company for three years. During this time he was also studying medicine and finally he decided that he would become a physician, and he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. George W. Cox, of Denver, Colorado. Here he remained until he entered the Medical School of the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1888. For several months after graduation he served as ambulance surgeon at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, and then, in 1889, he began practice in Paris, New York. For five years he remianed there, building up a considerable practice, but at the end of that time he made a change, locating in Galveston, Texas, where he was engaged in general practice during the next four years. On January 1, 1897, he came to Worcester, built a house on Oberlin Street, and opened his office there. Here he steadily built up a large practice as physician and surgeon, specializing somewhat as an orthopedic surgeon. On September 1, 1919, he became a member of the staff of the outpatient department of the Memorial Hospital, in which capacity he continued to serve for the next ten years. At the end of that time he resigned from that position and in the fall of 1919 went to Westboro, where he took up general practice. Here he remained, going occasionally to Worcester in response to calls from his old patients. In July, 1928, he removed to his present home on North Street in Grafton, planning to retire, but the desire of many of his old patients has induced him to still keep an office and he is taking care of a practice which he carefully limits. During the World War he was medical examiner for the local board No. 4 of Worcester. He gives much time to his hobby, the cultivation and propagation of choice flowers, including roses. Dr. Lindsay has a host of friends, and he is making the most of the leisure time which his carefully limited practice permits him to enjoy. He is a member of the Worcester District Medical Society, Massachusetts Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. During the earliest years of his professional practice he joined the New York State Medical Society, which he was serving as vice-president at the time of his removal to Galveston, Texas. Fraternally, he is identified with Siloam Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Westboro, to which he came by demit from Sauquoit, Lodge, No. 150, of Paris, New York, which he joined in 1889. He is also a member of Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Worcester. He is a member of the Congregational Club, the Economic Club, and the Rotary Club; and is the organizer of the Practitioners Club, a select club of which he has been a member for the past thirty-three years. His religious affiliation is with the Unitarian Church, which he has served as clerk of the parish for a number of years.

Dr. Joseph Ira Lindsay married, at Colorado Springs, October 8, 1883, Alena M. Wheeler, who was born in New York State, daughter of Cyrus and Eliza (Richards) Wheeler. Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay became the parents of two children: 1. Julian Ira, of further mention. 2. Maynard Clare, who died in infancy.

Julian Ira Lindsay, son of Dr. Joseph Ira and Alena M. (Wheeler) Lindsay, was born May 22, 1886. He received his early education in the public schools of Worcester, and after completing his preparatory courses entered Clark University, of Worcester, from which he was graduated in 1908, receiving the Bachelor's degree. He continued his studies in Harvard University, from which he received his Master's degree in 1910. He then went to University of Vermont at Burlington and took a position as teacher of English and French. In 1919 he returned to take his Doctor of Philosophy degree. At this time he became an instructor of English in Harvard College, which position he filled most ably till after the Armistice was signed when he returned to the University of Vermont, where he has since remained as a professor of English. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Burlington, Vermont, and is also a member of several college fraternities. Julian Ira Lindsay married, August 19, 1913, Evelyn Elizabeth Enright, who was born in Burlington, Vermont, a graduate of Smith College. She then took a position as principal of the high school at Highgate, Vermont, and later became a teacher at the Burlington, Vermont, High School. In 1932 She was made an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa. They have two children.

CHARLES AIRMET DeLAND, M. D.—Following closely in his father's footsteps, Dr. Charles A. DeLand established himself in the practice of medicine at Warren and has become one of the leading physicians of this part of the county. He has long been chief medical examiner for District No. 9 of Worcester County and was chairman of the Warren School Board and the board of health. In addition he serves as medical examiner for a number of insurance companies.

Dr. DeLand's father, Dr. Airmet Brazier DeLand, was born in West Brookfield and graduated from Middlebury Medical College. He began practice in Auburn and in 1862 removed to Warren, where he was professionally engaged until 1881, the year of his death. He had built up a large practice and had many staunch friends. He married Clara M. Tallman, a native of Sutton, Massachusetts.

Charles Airmet DeLand, son of Dr. Airmet Brazier and Clara M. (Tallman) DeLand, was born in Auburn, Massachusetts, February 1, 1860, and attended the local schools, graduating from the Warren High School in 1879. Desirous of making medicine his profession, he entered Harvard Medical School, where he was graduated with his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1885. In practice he has always been identified with his native town, his length of service to his people as a physician having covered a period of fifty years. For a considerable time he filled the post of associate medical examiner of District No. 9 in Worcester County and then was advanced to chief examiner, which office he has held for fifteen years. In 1891 he was commissioned a medical examiner for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York and has since been continuously retained in this capacity. In appreciation of his long tenure of the office, the company has presented him with a valua-

ble service medal. His first recognition of the kind was a gold bar with diamond, and successive awards were similarly adorned gold bars, while at the end of his twoscore years he was presented with a beautifully wrought design ornamented with a diamond and a sapphire. His similar service for a number of other life insurance companies has been helpful in the relations of their clients to the companies themselves. During the World War Dr. DeLand served in the Volunteer Medical Service Corps. He is on the staff of the Mary Lane Hospital, Ware, and the Wing Memorial Hospital, Palmer. He is a member of the American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Society, Massachusetts Medico-Legal Society, and Brookfield Medical Club.

In politics he is a Republican and has served well the local organization of his party. He is greatly interested in the promotion of education and has been a member of the Warren School Board for twenty-six years. Holding the chairmanship of the board for the last several years, he exerts a strong influence for the efficiency and progress of the schools in Warren. For six years he was chairman of the board of health. He is affiliated with Quaboag Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and King Solomon's Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he was High Priest from 1903 to 1906. He is a member of the Warren Thief Detecting Agency and of the Congregational Church.

Dr. Charles Airmet DeLand married, September 8, 1886, Edna E. Buck, of Hartford, Connecticut, daughter of Silas and Clarissa (Norton) Buck. Dr. and Mrs. DeLand's children are: 1. Hazel. 2. Dorothy, married Robert M. Stone, and resides at No. 35 Foxcroft Road, Winchester, this State; she has a daughter, Ruth, and a son, Edward; she is a graduate of Wellesley College. 3. Charles A., Jr., a graduate of Williams College and employed in the art department of the "Boston Post"; he married Gladys Day. Mrs. DeLand is prominent in women's affairs, and is a Past Worthy Matron of Forest Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in which she and her husband are charter members. She is also a Past District Deputy of the same order, and is a member of the Social Club at Ware, the Tuesday Club of Warren, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. For many years she has been an infirmary visitor of the State department of public welfare, Meriden, Connecticut.

EDWIN BATES TAPLEY—A salesman by nature and choice, Edwin Bates Tapley, after an extensive and varied experience along this line, came to Worcester to sell automobile tires and within six years was the manager of the largest tire and supplies concern in New England. He was born at Boston, October 10, 1899, a son of Louis Edmund and Kathryn Florence (Gately) Tapley, his mother being a native of Ireland and his father a Canadian. Louis Edmund Tapley is a retired government official, at the time of writing, residing at St. John, New Brunswick.

Edwin Bates Tapley was educated in the St. John grade and high schools and completed courses in a local business college. The World War interrupted his business career, as he enlisted at the start and served nearly four years with the Canadian and British Expeditionary Forces. A part of this time he was employed in the Army Post Office in London, England. Upon his return to civilian life Mr. Tapley was engaged as a salesman by a Canadian paper company, doing business mainly in Canada. In 1921 he came to Boston, and for nearly three years traveled for Swift and Company, following this with a connection with the Tobler Swiss Chocolate Company. Other enterprises engaged his attention until 1925, when he was offered the position of junior salesman for the Brewer Tire Stores of Worcester, a position he held with efficiency and success. On January 9, 1929, the Power Tire Stores absorbed the Brewer Tire Company, and he continued with the new associates until November 1, 1929, when he resigned to become the factory representative of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. On July 13, 1931, Mr. Tapley was appointed manager of the Firestone Service Stores, Inc., the largest concern of its kind in New England. This corporation has one of the finest locations for its business in Worcester and occupies an entire block. All supplies produced by the Firestone company are kept in stock and every sort of motor service is given except mechanical. The position was one requiring ability, foresight, and decision, a dynamic yet pleasing personality, and character and integrity, all of which Mr. Tapley possesses. On September 28, 1932, Mr. Tapley resigned his position and on July 1, 1933, he opened a fine place of business for himself at the northwest corner of Southbridge and Madison streets, where he carries a complete line of everything in automobile accessories and supplies.

On February 11, 1929, at Worcester, Mr. Tapley married Mary Virginia Monahan, of this city, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Patricia, born September 15, 1929. 2. Eleanor Anne, born December 15, 1930.

BENJAMIN FREMONT STUART—The name of Stuart has long been associated with the business life of Worcester County, particularly with the Baldwinsville furniture business of the Temple-Stuart Company, of which Benjamin Fremont Stuart is president. His activities in the life of his community and county have been useful from the very outset of his career.

Mr. Stuart was born at Princeton, Massachusetts, on February 19, 1889, son of Arthur L. and Mary Gertrude (Bartlett) Stuart. The Stuart family is an old and honorable one, his grandfather, John H. Stuart, having established the furniture manufacturing business originally in Princeton and having there continued his work throughout life. Arthur L. Stuart also took up the business; but the plant at Princeton was burned to the ground shortly after the death of his father, whereupon Arthur L. Stuart removed to Baldwinsville. That was in 1910. He purchased here the plant of the Holman-Harris Company, which was then on the very site where the Temple-Stuart Company has continued its work. The business was incorporated as early as 1904, when it was still in Princeton. Arthur L. Stuart, father of the man whose name heads this review, was active until his death, on February 10, 1928. The name of Temple, in connection with the business, came from John H. Temple, brother-in-law of Arthur L. Stuart; he died in 1904, whereupon his wife, Mrs. Temple, came into the business. After

her death, in 1930, the Stuart brothers, Benjamin Fremont, Carl Bartlett and John Howell Stuart, took over complete management and control.

In the schools of Princeton, his place of birth, Benjamin Fremont Stuart received his early education, being graduated from high school there. He then attended the Worcester Business Institute, where he was graduated in 1911. Entering business with his father, he learned all the details of the furniture trade, starting at the bottom and working his way upward. At the time of his father's death, in 1928, he was a director of the company and he was thereupon made its president. The officers of the Temple-Stuart Company, aside from him, are: Carl Bartlett Stuart, treasurer; and John H. Stuart, vice-president. Records of their careers are found under separate headings in this volume.

Quite apart from his work with the furniture company described above, Mr. Stuart is a director of the Gardner Trust Company and the Baldwinsville Coöperative Bank. He is also a leader in social, civic and fraternal life, being affiliated with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, as well as with North Star Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Winchendon; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he is connected with Narragansett Lodge. Into all the organizations enumerated above, he has consistently put his finest energies, with the result that his work is known and appreciated and he himself is respected and honored in his community.

Benjamin F. Stuart married, August 26, 1912, in Princeton, Mary Alice Perry, daughter of Joseph N. and Lucy (Porter) Perry. The children by this marriage were: 1. Benjamin F., Jr., born August 24, 1913. 2. Bartlett Perry, born January 19, 1915. 3. George Arthur, born November 8, 1918. 4. Clayton Edward, born April 23, 1920. 5. Jane Helen, born January 20, 1927.

CARL BARTLETT STUART—One of the members of the family of Stuart who has performed a useful work in Worcester County is Carl Bartlett Stuart, treasurer of the Temple-Stuart Company. His work has been highly useful in this furniture business and in the different realms of civic life in which he has participated.

Mr. Stuart was born at Princeton, Massachusetts, the former home of the family, on September 14, 1891, son of Arthur L. and Mary Gertrude (Bartlett) Stuart, both now deceased, and grandson of John H. Stuart. A record of Arthur L. Stuart's career and a brief history of the business bearing the family name will be found in the preceding article.

Carl Bartlett Stuart was graduated from Princeton High School, Worcester Academy, and Worcester Business Institute, and thereupon associated himself with his father, learning the business in detail from the bottom upward. They specialized in breakfast-room furniture and chairs. At the time of his father's death, Carl B. Stuart was made treasurer of the company, the position that he has retained continuously since that time.

He has by no means confined his efforts and activities to this one branch of Baldwinsville and Worcester County life, however, having been invited from time to time to take part in the work of different organizations of a business, civic and social nature. He is today a director of the First National Bank of Gardner. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Hope Lodge; North Star Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; and other groups connected with Masonry. He likewise is a member of Narragansett Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Baldwinsville.

During the World War period, Mr. Stuart served his country well, enlisting on December 17, 1917, in the United States Naval Aviation Corps. He was, first of all, stationed at Boston, sailing overseas on January 10, 1918, and serving in France with the Naval Aviation Corps until August, 1919. For sixteen months he was at Pouillac, on the Gironde River, after which he was for three months stationed at Brest. At Brest his work was centered at the factory where all hydroplanes in the service were inspected. He was over a long period first-class storekeeper in the navy supply department. Honorably discharged in September, 1919, he returned to his native land to go ahead with his business activities. Since that time the plant has been greatly enlarged and improved, new machinery has been installed, and additions have been built. In normal times the company employs one hundred men.

Carl Bartlett Stuart married, November 28, 1917, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Villa Estelle Hobbs, daughter of George and Jennie (Carter) Hobbs, the latter now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart are the parents of two children: 1. Robert Temple, born July 1, 1920. 2. Ruth Charlotte, born August 4, 1925.

JOHN HOWELL STUART—As vice-president and sales manager, John Howell Stuart performs his part in the work of conducting the furniture house known as the Temple-Stuart Company, of Baldwinsville. He is widely known among the business people of this place, Worcester County and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

He began life on April 22, 1899, having been born at Princeton, the former seat of the Stuart family. His parents were Arthur L. and Mary Gertrude (Bartlett) Stuart, both now deceased, and his grandfather was John H. Stuart. The latter was the first of three generations of his family to be engaged in the furniture business, a brief history of which will be found in the preceding article.

In addition to his activities with this company, John H. Stuart has interested himself in civic, social and fraternal life, being affiliated with many prominent Worcester County organizations and through them aiding in the promotion of the public weal. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is a member of Hope Lodge; North Star Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; and other bodies. He also belongs to Narragansett Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During the World War Mr. Stuart was stationed at the Naval Training School at Tufts Medical College.

John Howell Stuart married, at Fitchburg, Ruth Zander. They have two children: 1. Donald Edward, born August 2. 1925. 2. Joan Ellen, born April 13, 1932. The family home is at Gardner.

ALEXANDER DeWITT—For more than half a century, Alexander DeWitt occupied a distinguished place in the life of Worcester. He came to this city as a young man, rose to prominence in business and banking circles and through his many services to the city and its representative institutions won the affection of its people.

Mr. DeWitt was born on March 7, 1854, at Pepperell, Massachusetts, only child of Horace Smith and Sarah Jane (Phelps) DeWitt. The family whose name he bore was established in America by John (1) Witt, of Holland, who settled at Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1630. From him the line is traced through John (2) Witt, his son; John (3) Witt; John (4) Witt; and Benjamin Witt, in the fifth American generation, who was a soldier of the Revolution. He married Olivia Campbell and they became the parents of nine children, of whom the eighth was Nancy, born March 29, 1800. She married Horace Smith, of Leicester, Massachusetts, and upon her death, in 1830, her two children were adopted by her brother, Colonel Alexander DeWitt. These children were Eliza L. and Horace DeWitt Smith. The latter, following his adoption by his uncle, changed his name to Horace Smith DeWitt. He was the father of Alexander DeWitt of this record.

When Alexander DeWitt was still in early childhood, his parents moved to Sutton, Massachusetts. His father died there in 1859 and young Alexander was reared by his grandfather, Colonel Alexander DeWitt, as his father was before him. Colonel Alexander DeWitt was a very distinguished figure. He was born on April 2, 1798, at New Braintree, the seventh child of Benjamin and Olivia (Campbell) Witt. At the age of fifteen, he took a position in the store of the Merino Manufacturing Company at Dudley, Massachusetts, and remained there till 1818 when he removed to Franklin, where he was engaged in the manufacture of cotton thread in partnership with Dr. Miller. The next year he started a mill and country store at Oxford, selling from his wagon the thread he made. In 1824, with his three brothers, Sterns, Archibald and Hollis, he established a small business in Buffum Village, Oxford, and with the increase of his means, he became largely interested in wool and cotton manufacturing elsewhere. He acquired wealth and made many investments in railroads, insurance companies and other concerns. Colonel DeWitt was a director of the Worcester Mechanics' and Farmers' Insurance Company for twenty-six years; a director of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester for an equal period; was connected for twenty years with the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Worcester as trustee and president; was a director and for nine years president of the Mechanics' National Bank of Worcester; and for five years was president of the Oxford Bank. He was president of the Worcester and Nashua Railroad for three years; a director of the Providence and Worcester Railroad and of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad. Colonel DeWitt was often moderator of the Oxford town meetings, served as a representative to the General Court and in the State Senate, and in 1852 and 1854 was elected to Congress, receiving both the Whig and Democratic nominations. He prospered through his own efforts and served his people well, receiving from them many honors. Colonel DeWitt died on January 13, 1879. He married, June 5, 1820, Mary Makepeace, who died on April 6, 1887.

Alexander DeWitt, whose name heads this review, received his preliminary education in the public schools of Sutton and at Oxford. Subsequently he attended Leicester Academy. In 1871 he came to Worcester and began his active career in the office of Kinnicutt and Company, hardware merchants, with whom he remained for ten years. From 1881 to 1883 he was associated with the firm of J. and J. Murdock, manufacturers of card clothing at Leicester, and in 1884 entered the banking field at Worcester, in partnership with Lincoln N. Kinnicutt. This firm continued until January, 1906. Mr. DeWitt was engaged in banking and a leading banker of Worcester for many years. His energy and sound business judgment were reflected in the accomplishments of his career and his integrity won him the complete confidence of all who knew him. He negotiated the successful purchase and reorganization of the Worcester Safe Deposit and Trust Company, later the Worcester Trust Company, and served as a director of that company. When this bank still later became the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, he continued as a director. He was also a trustee of the People's Savings Bank. He gave his time and effort freely in community and welfare work, meeting all the duties of good citizenship and never failing in the responsibilities of leadership which devolved upon him. For many years he served as treasurer and trustee of the Home for Aged Men and also as a trustee of the Memorial Hospital. Mr. DeWitt was a charter member of the Worcester Club, a member of the Tatnuck Country Club, the Worcester Country Club and the Union Club of Boston. He was fond of travel and of outdoor life, and also in later years found much pleasure in golf.

On September 21, 1880, Alexander DeWitt married Caroline Murdock of Leicester, daughter of Joshua and Julia T. (Hurd) Murdock and a member of the well-known Colonial family of this name. Deacon Joshua Murdock, born October 28, 1780, served his apprenticeship as a cabinetmaker and in 1811 settled in Leicester, where he had a small shop and carried on business until his death on December 30, 1859. He was a master craftsman and the many examples of his work still in existence are highly prized. On June 3, 1806, he married Clarissa Hartshorn of Medfield and among their children was Joshua Murdock, born in Leicester, who married Julia T. Hurd. They were the parents of Mrs. Alexander DeWitt. The firm of J. and J. Murdock, manufacturers of card clothing at Leicester, was later developed from an older company. It was established in 1843. In 1848 Joshua Murdock took into the business his brother Joseph and in 1858 another brother, John, entered the firm. With the death of Joshua in 1883, a fourth brother, Julius, became a partner. This concern became one of the best known and largest enterprises of its kind in New England.

Caroline (Murdock) DeWitt, daughter of Joshua and Julia T. (Hurd) Murdock, was born in Leicester, November 4, 1854. She attended Leicester Academy at the same time that her future husband, Alexander DeWitt, was a student, there (each then thirteen years of age), and the romance which began then culminated in their marriage on September 21, 1880, Mrs. DeWitt's mother's birth-

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day. Mrs. DeWitt, who survives her husband, continues her residence in Worcester. She has long been active in community affairs in this city, is a member of the Worcester Music Festival, the Art Museum, the Tatnuck Country Club and was formerly prominent in the Worcester Woman's Club. She is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

Alexander DeWitt died at Worcester on November 7, 1923, in his seventieth year. His death brought to its close a long and active career whose constructive influences were of enduring value to the city in which he lived so many years. He was honored for his accomplishments, respected for his individual worth of character and loved for the many appealing qualities which he manifested in his daily contacts and associations.

RAYMOND S. HUNTINGTON—Assistant treasurer of the Worcester, Home, and Equity Coöperative Banks, Raymond S. Huntington has devoted his entire business career to banking and finance, rising through various positions with several Worcester financial institutions to his present responsible office.

Mr. Huntington was born in West Boylston, October 19, 1891, a son of Whitman and Nellie (Chase) Huntington. His father, who was born in Nova Scotia, is now deceased. The mother is a native of West Boylston.

Raymond S. Huntington received his early education in the public schools. He was graduated from high school in 1909 and took a course in business college before entering the employ of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company in 1910 as clerk and bookkeeper. He remained with this institution for eleven years, winning gradual advancement. Following the entry of the United States into the World War, he enlisted on September 21, 1917, as a member of Company M, 102d Infantry, 26th Division. He went overseas with these troops, which formed part of the American Expeditionary Forces, and served in France for one year. Three months of this time he was at the front. At the close of the war he received his honorable discharge on February 13, 1919, and returned to his position with the Worcester Bank and Trust Company.

In 1921 Mr. Huntington entered the employ of the Merchants National Bank as bookkeeper and a few weeks later became teller. He resigned in September, 1928, to accept appointment as assistant treasurer of the Worcester, Home, and Equity Coöperative Banks and has since served in this position. His successful record and long experience ideally qualify him for the position, and his services have been of continued value to the institution with which he is connected.

Apart from his business interests, Mr. Huntington is active in other phases of Worcester life. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member in this order of all the bodies of both the York and Scottish Rites, including Boylston Lodge, West Boylston, of which he is a Past Master; S. W. Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Consistory, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree. Mr. Huntington is also affiliated with the American Legion, being a Past Commander of H. N. Keith Post, No. 204, of West Boylston, and is a member of the Worcester Kiwanis Club. He is a Republican in politics and, in religious faith, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On June 14, 1914, Raymond S. Huntington married Lillie M. Phillips, a native of this State. They maintain their residence at Oakdale.

REV. JOHN W. FINNERTY—The Church of the Immaculate Conception at Lancaster, of which the Rev. John W. Finnerty is now pastor, was established about 1870 as a mission church of St. John's parish in Clinton. Shortly afterwards the present church was built. The Church of the Immaculate Conception was continued as a mission until September, 1915, when it was made a parish. The pastor of that time was the Rev. John F. Boyle, who had previously served as assistant at St. Bernard's Church, Fitchburg, and was now given his first appointment as pastor.

Father Boyle remained until his death in 1916. He was succeeded by the Rev. Edmund J. Murphy, who remained until 1928. Father Murphy was a very active pastor. He built the present rectory and built up the parish in a remarkable way. Indeed its success even after his departure has been largely due to the efforts he put forth and to the magnitude of his accomplishments. He was succeeded by the Rev. John A. Fitzgerald, who had as his able assistant Father John F. Prendergast, now assistant pastor at South Hadley Falls. Father Fitzgerald remained until 1931, when he was followed by the present pastor, the Rev. John W. Finnerty. Father Finnerty had as his first assistant the Rev. Raymond W. O'Brien, who was later succeeded by his present assistant, Father John R. Walohan.

This parish also has a mission, the Church of St. Theresa, which was organized at Harvard by Father Boyle in 1916. For a number of years services were held in the town hall there, but in 1926 the present handsome church edifice was begun and completed. St. Theresa's is a small church, seating about two hundred and fifty, but it is nevertheless very beautiful and is admired by all who see it. Those who worship in it are always conscious of a deep sense of reverence.

The mission of St. Theresa is also conducted by Father Finnerty and his assistant. Three masses are said each Sunday in these two churches and on every Holy Day mass is suitably celebrated. The members of the parish, including the mission, number about seven hundred souls. The people take much pride in their churches, and all church societies are also vigorous and active.

Father Finnerty has been a worthy successor of the early priests of the parish. He enjoys the confidence and affection of his parishioners and is held in the highest regard of his parishioners and neighbors, and under his able guidance the churches at Lancaster and Harvard have made consistent progress.

ARNOLD V. BROWN, president of the American-Marrow Fabric Company, of Worcester, is a native of Oswego, Illinois, born November 11, 1861, the son of Alexander and Mary (Chapman) Brown, the former of whom was born in Steuben County, New York, and for many years was employed as an expert machinist.

Arnold V. Brown was educated in the public schools of Corning, New York, and Oswego, Illinois, and at the age of twenty left home to go to Delevan, Wisconsin, where he followed farming for three years. He then went to Aurora, Illinois, and became connected with the Chicago Corset Company, later known as the Kabo Corset Company, and found the occupation which was to be his for an unusually long period. His start with the corporation was made in 1886, and he continued with it for thirty-six years, filling a wide variety of positions and gaining a knowledge of the business which was almost encyclopedic. During the years of this long connection Mr. Brown was the executive in charge of the purchasing and stock departments, the cost department and was in full control of their steel department. He was a salesman on the road selling the products of the steel and supporter departments of which he had charge. There are probably few men in the United States who know more about this business than Mr. Brown.

In 1922 he resigned from the Kabo Company, to come to Worcester with Carl J. Hazleton, then president of the American-Marrow Fabric Company, as vice-president. The business was sold in December, 1931, to the Ansonia O. and C. Company, of Ansonia, Connecticut, a web manufacturing concern, and Mr. Brown was at that time elected president of the Worcester concern. The plant, of which he is the head, under normal conditions employs about one hundred and twenty-five hands, and its chief product is hose supporters, being the makers of the well-known "Gripmor" hose supporter. Mr. Brown is also the vice-president of the Hazleton Associates, a holding company.

On August 12, 1887, Arnold V. Brown married Flora E. Sperry, of Aurora, Illinois, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Gladys, wife of Edwin P. Trible, of Bridgeport, Connecticut; they have four children. 2. Evelyn, who married Roy O. Miller, of Lombard, Illinois; they have three children.

REV. JOHN B. FARRELL—One of the Catholic parishes of Worcester County which has, from its inception, made remarkable headway in the furtherance of the doctrine and the teachings of the Church is that of St. Roch, in Oxford, of which the Rev. John B. Farrell has been pastor since 1926.

The following is the history of the Oxford parish. Father Meigneault, of Webster, said the first Mass in Oxford in 1855, though Oxford remained a part of the Webster parish until the formation of St. Roch's parish in 1856. The church of St. Roch was organized under Father Meigneault's supervision, and the first edifice, enlarged and renovated, still stands, though Father Quan removed it from its original position to its present site. The Rev. Charles J. Boylan was the first pastor. His successors added more modern improvements in keeping with their times, and so it was that the church and rectory today meet the demands of the thriving parish. The Rev. Martin Murphy succeeded Father Boylan, and labored for the salvation of the souls of his parishioners for two years. In 1895 the Rev. Patrick F. Hafey was selected by the Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, D. D., to continue the work as pastor. He became pastor of St. Roch's, Oxford; also St. Ann's, North Oxford; and St. Aloysius', Rochdale. Father Hafey laid out the present cemetery, built a church and rectory in North Oxford, and from 1896 to 1926 labored for the advancement of the church in this community. He became a stalwart leader of the Catholic people of this community, whom he has served tirelessly and continuously. In 1926 Father Hafey accepted North Oxford as a separate parish and in this year the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, D. D., appointed the Rev. John B. Farrell as pastor of St. Roch's.

On assuming charge of this parish, Father Farrell at once increased the church devotions with the Holy Hour service, added another Sunday Mass, established the Holy Name Society for the men of the parish and the Ladies' Sodality for the women. The interior of the church was renovated with new Stations of the Cross, a new Sanctuary carpet, new statues, hardwood floors in the aisles, tinted walls, and large electric fixtures. The seating capacity of the building is now three hundred and fifty, and the church edifice is a model of neatness and comfort. The new sidewalk in front of the church and the grading of the grounds have transformed the outward appearance of the church. The rectory likewise has been beautified with new shrubs and walks.

In 1929 Father Farrell celebrated the silver jubilee of his elevation to the priesthood with appropriate exercises of a religious and civic nature. The parish today is free from debt and has a substantial sum of money in the bank, awaiting the opportune time at which to build possibly a new church. In the olden days when the church had two missions, St. Roch's had at times the following curates: Rev. Joseph J. Rice, now Rt. Rev. Bishop of Burlington; Rev. John P. McCaughan, Rev. Daniel J. Sheehan, Rev. Patrick J. Meehan, Rev. James B. Murphy, Rev. M. L. Boyne, and Joseph G. Daley.

Father Farrell is a native son of Southbridge, Massachusetts. Receiving a common school and high school education, he studied theology at the Grand Seminary, in Quebec, Canada. Here he remained until he was ordained a priest, on December 16, 1904. His first charge was St. Mary's Church, in Jefferson, Massachusetts. After some time spent there he was assigned to St. Stephen's of Worcester. He was later assigned to the Holy Trinity Church in Greenfield, where he remained eighteen months. Then he went to St. Ann's in Worcester, continuing there twelve and a half years. After that he came to the Sacred Heart Church at Fitchburg, where he remained only a short time. He then came to his present church, St. Roch's, of Oxford, where he was installed as pastor on September 27, 1926. Here he remains today, carrying forward the work to which he has consecrated his life. In his parish he has 1,000 souls, and the church is one of the progressive parishes of this region of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Father Farrell's contribution to the parish of St. Roch's has been important along religious and social lines. As a result he is held high in the love of his fellow-citizens in the Oxford community and especially by members of his own parish. His guidance and direction of St. Roch's has been of great value, and his sincere work has been rewarded by the attainment of many of the ideals to which he had long aspired for his parish.

WILLIAM FRANK HAYWARD, M. D.—Building up a large practice in medicine, by which he has become a well-known and successful physician and surgeon, Dr. William F. Hayward has also served the town of East Brookfield in various public offices. He holds the position of town moderator, being the only one to have been elected to this office. His standing in medical organizations is high, and he fills the posts of official physician to the school board and the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for this district.

Dr. Hayward's father, William Alger Hayward, was born in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts. He was a shoemaker and prominent as a church member. He married Louisa Bartlett Holmes, a native of East Bridgewater.

William Frank Hayward, son of William Alger and Louisa Bartlett (Holmes) Hayward, was born in East Bridgewater, May 14, 1873, and attended the public schools of that town. Being desirous of obtaining an advanced education, but not having the means to pay for it, he determined manfully to work his way. He next entered Fryeburg (Maine) Academy, which is the first and only school where the immortal Daniel Webster taught, and there completed his college preparatory course. At Bowdoin College Medical School he took his professional training and was graduated with his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1899, having paid his expenses by doing work as he was enabled. Direct from college he came to East Brookfield and has since been in practice in this town. He is a member of the Brookfield Medical Club and the Association of New York Central Railroad Surgeons.

Dr. Hayward has been an important factor in the development and progress of East Brookfield. He has held many offices in the town government, in addition to that of moderator. A former chairman of the school committee, he now serves as chairman of the board of library trustees, chairman of the board of water commissioners, and as a member of the town finance committee. He formerly held the chairmanship of the board of health and the chairmanship of the Republican town committee. He is still a strong and influential member of the local Republican party. One of his deepest interests is the East Brookfield Public Library, in the building up of which he has been instrumental. He is an ardent lover of nature and takes keen delight in the planting and care of shrubs and flowers. He is a member of the Congregational Church at East Bridgewater.

Dr. Hayward married, October 23, 1901, Ray Alice Cole, daughter of Samuel S. and Alice (Wheeler) Cole, of Crown Point, Indiana, and claiming direct descent from Stephen Hopkins, of the "Mayflower" Pilgrims. She is a granddaughter of Colonel John Wheeler, who was killed in the battle of Gettysburg in the Civil War and to whose memory a monument has been erected on the famous battlefield. Mrs. Hayward is a musician of quality and reputation and has taught music more than twenty years.

EARLE BROWN, a well-known lawyer of Worcester, has been active not only professionally but also in many other phases of community life.

The Brown family is of "Mayflower" ancestry, and members of it have been prominent in national affairs since Colonial times. His grandfather, Albert Brown, was a partner of Theophilus Brown of the famous tailoring firm of Brown and Brown. His father, Edwin Brown, was the treasurer of the American Cord Clothing Company, of Worcester. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having gone to the front with the 51st Massachusetts Volunteers. Edwin Brown died January 21, 1918, after a long and colorful life. His widow lives in Worcester.

Earle Brown was born at Worcester, August 15, 1873, son of Edwin and Marianna Mifflin (Earle) Brown, both members of Colonial ancestry prominent in the settlement of New England. Earle Brown was educated in the Belmont Street public school and prepared for college at Fish's private school. Matriculating at Harvard University, he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His first impulse was to enter business life, and he accepted a position with the Mechanical Fabric Company of Providence, Rhode Island, manufacturers of elastic woven materials, tires, golf balls and similar products. It is an interesting side-light that pneumatic tires and rubber golf balls were decided novelties at that time. He was progressing rapidly when the United States became involved in the Spanish-American War. He enlisted in May, 1898, in the 1st Rhode Island Infantry, Company A. With the members of many other military organizations of that day, he found himself in a camp whose dangers from disease were greater than the battle line. After nine months' service, he returned home and entered the Harvard Law School. In 1902 Mr. Brown was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and during that same year was admitted to the bar of Worcester County. He first became associated with the law firm of Smith, Gage and Dresser, in Worcester, but in 1905 established himself in practice alone and has thus continued. In 1907 he was admitted to practice in the United States Circuit Court and in 1912 he was appointed attorney for the Worcester, Home, and Equity, Coöperative Banks, a post he still holds. In addition to these positions he is a director of these three coöperative banks.

Mr. Brown has been active in the promotion of projects which make for the betterment of Worcester and the welfare of its people. He is particularly interested in the young, helping them to make the most of their ambitions. He was one of a group which formed the playground "commission" and introduced this modern feature into the community's activities. This soon became a municipal board, on which Mr. Brown served for a number of years as a member. He also served seven years as treasurer of the Tuberculosis Relief Association. He assisted in the organization of the Boy Scouts of America, of which he was the treasurer for many years. During the period when the United States was participating in the World War, Mr. Brown was appointed a member of local No. 2, of the United States Draft Board, and was Appeal Agent of Division No. 2 under the Selective Service Act of 1918.

Fraternally Mr. Brown is a member of Rose of Sharon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. Among his clubs are the Rotary, Worcester, University, Economic, Harvard, and Tatnuck Country clubs. He was made judge of the Colonel E. R. Steinway Camp and has held this office for many years. For two years he was department judge advocate of the Spanish-American War Veterans for Massa-

chusetts. His professional societies are the Worcester County Bar, the Massachusetts State Bar and the American Bar associations.

Earle Brown, on September 21, 1907, married Mary Felton Sargent, the granddaughter of the prominent citizen of Worcester, Dr. Henry Sargent. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of three children: 1. Edwin Sargent, born August 29, 1908. 2. Earle, Jr., born November 5, 1911. 3. Nancy Hacker, born March 6, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Earle Brown reside at No. 77 Elm Street, Worcester.

CHARLES WILLIAM PENDER—Real estate is the medium by which Charles W. Pender, of Worcester, has achieved the larger part of his business success. He is rated as one of the best experts in this field in Worcester County and serves as an appraiser for the municipality and a number of banks. He is president of the Worcester Real Estate Board and in this capacity has been enabled to advance the interests of the organization.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Pender once owned and operated a woolen mill in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. His father, James Maxwell Pender, born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, as was his wife, Nancy Ann (Croft) Pender, worked as an overseer in this mill. He died in Worcester in 1921, and his wife predeceased him by a year.

Born in Pittsfield, February 9, 1874, Charles William Pender received his education in the public schools of that city and early gave his attention to learning the textile trade. He advanced to boss finisher at Capron's mill in Uxbridge and then went to the Pondsville Woolen Mill Company, where he was superintendent for three years. He was also engaged later with a number of other concerns in similar positions. After he had engaged in this industry for about twenty years, he abandoned it to enter the real estate business in Worcester in 1905. He has never regretted having taken this step, since it has led to positions of honor and influence, as he has gone forward in the service and confidence of his clients. His first office after coming to Worcester was in the old Burnside Building, and on the completion of the Slater Building he took quarters there and has been continuously in this location.

One of the organizers of the Fairview Improvement Society, he served it as president for three years and is now a member of the board of trustees. In connection with his real estate business, he also handles various lines of insurance, principally protection against all forms of loss and damage. So sound is his judgment regarded by the city of Worcester and various institutions that his services as expert and appraiser are in frequent demand. Among his clients in this line, in addition to the Worcester municipality, are the Merchants National Bank of Worcester, the Clinton Savings Bank, and the Worcester County Institute for Savings. It was in 1930 that his colleagues in the associated interests of the business elected him president of the Worcester Real Estate Board. In this office he strives to maintain the ethics of the business at a high standard and to suppress those who are not desirous of serving their clients in a fair and just manner. He is vice-president of the Worcester Brass and Electro-Plating Company, which occupies the building of which he is the owner. He is a director of the Worcester Coöperative Bank; a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce; was one of the organizers and is a charter member of the Worcester Real Estate Exchange; builder of Community Hall, which with its land cost about $30,000, located in what is called New Worcester. His name in connection with real estate matters has gone favorably throughout the country. He is a member of the Exchange Club and Worcester Automobile Club, and an attendant at the First Baptist Church of Worcester.

Charles William Pender married, in November, 1898, at Uxbridge, Cora Estelle Lee, a native of that town. Their children are: 1. William Wallace, associated with his father in the insurance business. 2. Anna Louise, married Golden Marshall, of Norfolk, Virginia. 3. Cora Mildred. 4. Robert R., who is connected with his father's real estate business. 5. Burton B., also an associate of his father in the real estate business; married Annie Schofield. 6. John J., educated at Clark College, class of 1933.

WILLIAM B. DAVIDSON, M. D.—As a specialist in diseases of the chest, Dr. William B. Davidson has been engaged in practice in Worcester since 1929. His offices are located at No. 36 Pleasant Street, Worcester. But before locating here he had a long and varied experience in his specialty and is thoroughly qualified in this branch of the medical profession.

William B. Davidson, father of Dr. Davidson, was born in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, and received his education in the schools of that city, after which he went to Scotland and remained until he returned to the United States at the age of twenty-one. He then learned the art of photography which profession he followed at Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island, to the time of his death in 1912. He married Lillian Brown, a native of Jamestown, Rhode Island, and they became the parents of two children: 1. William B., of further mention. 2. Dorothy, who married Captain W. C. Brigham, of the United States Army. Since the death of her husband in 1912, Mrs. Davidson has attended the office of her son, Dr. William B. Davidson, and in that position her cheerful manner and pleasing personality are a decided asset, and a source of pleasure to Dr. Davidson's many patients.

Dr. William B. Davidson was born in Wakefield, Rhode Island, May 17, 1890, and received his early education in the public schools of South Attleboro, Massachusetts, attended the high school there and also schools in different cities. After completing his preparatory course, he entered the University of Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1917 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He had planned to begin practice after graduation, but the entrance of the United States into the World War interrupted his plans and he promptly enlisted for service. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps and was at first stationed at the Army Medical School at Washington, District of Columbia. Later he was promoted to the rank of captain, and still later was commissioned a major. From Washington he was transferred to the United States Army Hospital No. 16 at New Haven, Connecticut. He

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later entered the General Hospital No. 8 at Otisville, New York, and finally, came to Camp Dix, at Wrightstown, New Jersey, where, in 1919, he received his honorable discharge. Upon his return to civilian life he was appointed assistant superintendent of the hospital at Rutland, Massachusetts, where he gave excellent service, adding valuable experience to his preparation for independent practice. This hospital treats every form of diseases of the chest and provides accommodation for about four hundred patients. Here Dr. Davidson remained for ten years, until 1929, when he came to Worcester and opened his present office at No. 36 Pleasant Street, where he has since built up a very substantial practice. He is known as a skillful specialist in diseases of the chest, and each year brings to his office a larger number of patients. He is on the staff of Memorial Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, Holden Hospital, and Louis Pasteur Hospital and on the courtesy staff of Hahnemann Hospital, and also serves as an instructor to nurses on tuberculosis at the City Hospital and the Memorial Hospital. He is a member of the Worcester District Medical Society, Massachusetts Medical Society, Wachusett Medical Improvement Society, New England Roentgen Ray Society, National Tuberculosis Association, and the American Sanitarian Association. He is also a member of the Home and Trowel Club of Holden, Holden Rod and Gun Club, Rutland Sportsman's Club, Top Floor Gang, Rutland, and Army and Navy Club of Boston. Fraternally, he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, Order of the Eastern Star, and Worcester Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Officers Reserve Association of the United States and the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston. His religious interest is with the Protestant Episcopal Church of Worcester, of which he is an attendant.

Dr. William B. Davidson married, October 29, 1919, Doris Lane, who was born in Norton, Massachusetts, daughter of Homer and Mary (Fales) Lane, the first mentioned of whom was for many years a resident of Norton, Massachusetts. Mrs. Davidson is a graduate of Smith College, class of 1918, and has charge of the laboratory of bacteriology and chemistry at the Rutland Hospital, Rutland. Dr. and Mrs. Davidson have two children: 1. William B., Jr., born September 7, 1923. 2. Paul Lane, born August 20, 1929.

CHARLES E. ALLEN—In the great shoe manufacturing industry, the Allen-Squire Company, of Spencer (Charles E. Allen, treasurer and general manager) has a national reputation by reason of its products being shipped to all parts of the country. Mr. Allen is concerned with movements and organizations for the advance of Spencer as a community, where manufacturers and social and civic advantages abound.

The Allen family is one of the oldest and most highly respected families in Worcester County. It originated in England. Israel Allen, the first of the name to settle in Spencer, was born in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, and fought as a "Minute Man" in the Revolutionary War. On taking his residence in Spencer in 1780, he became a farmer and followed agriculture the rest of his life. Charles H. Allen, father of Charles E., the shoe manufacturer, was a manufacturer of boots in Spencer after his return from the Civil War, in which he had participated as a member of the 42d Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers. In 1890 he and his partner, Charles Bemis, liquidated their shoe manufacturing business. For two terms he served as a member of the Massachusetts Legislature and for several years served on the Spencer Board of Selectmen. He was chairman of the library committee, and otherwise active in the community, in which he attained a high popularity. He was a charter member of Spencer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He died in January, 1922, at the age of eighty-one. He married Harriet Boyce, a native, like himself, of Spencer. She died in December, 1919.

Charles E. Allen was born in Spencer, January 23, 1886, passed through the public schools, was graduated from the Spencer High School in 1903, entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was graduated in the class of 1907, and for two years after graduation was retained as a member of the staff of instructors in civil engineering. His entry into the boot and shoe manufacturing industry was made as an associate of the Isaac Prouty Company, where he was situated for three years. The ensuing four years he was connected with the H. H. Brown Company in North Brookfield. It was in 1916 that he united with Edmund H. Squire (q. v.) in the formation of the Allen-Squire Company, of which he became treasurer and general manager, and Mr. Squire president. The company occupies four buildings of its own in Spencer, and in normal times it provides employment for about six hundred and fifty people. Its shoes go to customers in every State of the Union, and the company and its principals enjoy a fine reputation for honesty, superior workmanship and straightforward dealings.

Mr. Allen is vice-president of the Spencer National Bank and treasurer of the William Brooks Shoe Company at Nelsonville, Ohio. He served as a member of the Spencer Board of Selectmen for one year. He is vice-president of the Worcester Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, the National Geographic Society, the University Club of Worcester, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Economics Club and the Forbush Bird Club of Worcester.

Charles E. Allen married, September 10, 1910, Ruth P. Kane, of Spencer, and they have four children: Barbara, Boyd, Penelope and Pliny. Mrs. Allen is active in women's and social work. She is chairman of the local group of Girl Scouts and a member of the Monday Club and the Congregational Church.

EDMUND HINCKS SQUIRE—Born in Sharon, Massachusetts, July 27, 1886, Edmund Hincks Squire, president of the Allen-Squire Company, shoe manufacturers of Spencer, is the son of Edmund B. and Minnie E. (States) Squire. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Concord, Massachusetts, and at the Malden High School, where he was graduated in 1903. He was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, class of 1907. For three years after graduation he taught physics at the institute. He entered the industrial world with the Johns-Manville Company at Boston. In 1916 he joined Charles E. Allen (q. v.) in the organiza-

tion of the Allen-Squire Company, manufacturers of shoes, in Spencer, becoming president of the concern. The company's products are men's and boys' Nailed and Goodyear welt work shoes, of which the plant turns out seven to eight thousand pairs per day.

Mr. Squire married, January 26, 1910, Louise P. Kingsbury, of Needham, Massachusetts, and they have a son, Raymond H. Squire.

HAROLD LUTHER FENNER—Since 1928 Harold Luther Fenner has been the efficient principal of the Classical High School located at the corner of Chatham and Irving streets, Worcester. He has been identified with the Worcester public schools since 1913.

Harold Luther Fenner was born in Fall River, July 12, 1889, son of Herbert Allen Fenner, who was born in Warren, Rhode Island, in 1864, and of Ella Borden (Fisher) Fenner, who was born in Waterbury, Vermont, in 1863, daughter of the Rev. Lyman M. Fisher and Lucy (Borden) Fisher of Fall River; and grandson of Theodore D. Fenner, born in 1830, died in 1879, and Sylvania Bradford (Luther) Fenner, who was born in Bristol, Rhode Island, in 1830, and died in 1923, the last named being a descendant of Governor Bradford of Plymouth and, on the paternal side, of John Luther, the immigrant, who early settled at Taunton, Massachusetts. Harold Luther Fenner removed with his parents to Worcester in 1894, when he was only five years old, and attended the public schools of Worcester, graduating from the Classical High School in 1907. The following fall he matriculated at Clark College, in Worcester, from which he was graduated in 1910, receiving at that time the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During his college years Mr. Fenner was active in general athletics, baseball, track, basketball, and was also a member of the Glee Club. During this time, also, he became deeply interested in banking. He was majoring in history and economics and giving special attention to theory of education, and in 1907, the year he began his college course, took a part time position in the Merchants National Bank, a small concern founded the year before and employing at that time only eight men. There, throughout his college career, he spent his spare time and his vacations, earning and gaining valuable experience and practical knowledge of the banking phase of economic problems. Later, he was identified with the Park Trust Company in the same way, spending part time for a period of six years in this connection.

Meantime, however, he was going on with his professional career. After graduation from Clark College in 1910 he began teaching in the high school at Quincy, Massachusetts, where he remained for two years. From September, 1912, to March, 1913, he was principal of the high school at Portland, Connecticut, and in March of that year he came to Worcester as a teacher in the English High School. While teaching at Quincy and at Portland he had been adding to his professional equipment by graduate study at Yale University, year of 1912-13, and at Clark University in 1913-14 he continued post-graduate work, specializing in history, economics, and theory of education. In the fall of 1914 he was transferred from the English High School to the Commercial High School and there he remained until 1922, when he was made assistant principal of North High School. In May, 1928, he was made principal of the Classical High School, which responsible executive position he is still filling with marked efficiency. For eleven years of the time he has been in Worcester, Mr. Fenner has also served as instructor in economic subjects at the Worcester branch of Northeastern University. Both as instructor and as executive, Mr. Fenner has shown ability of a high order, and in both lines of activity he has found his practical experience in banking to be a great help. In Worcester he has exerted a wholesome influence over successive groups of boys and girls and in so doing has contributed much to the welfare of the city. He is a member of the Worcester Principals' Club, the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Massachusetts High School Principals' Association, also of the Worcester Historical Society and of the University Club. Fraternally, he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons and is a Past Master of Morning Star Lodge; a member of Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Past Illustrious Master of Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first Masonic District. His religious affiliation is with the Union Congregational Church of Worcester.

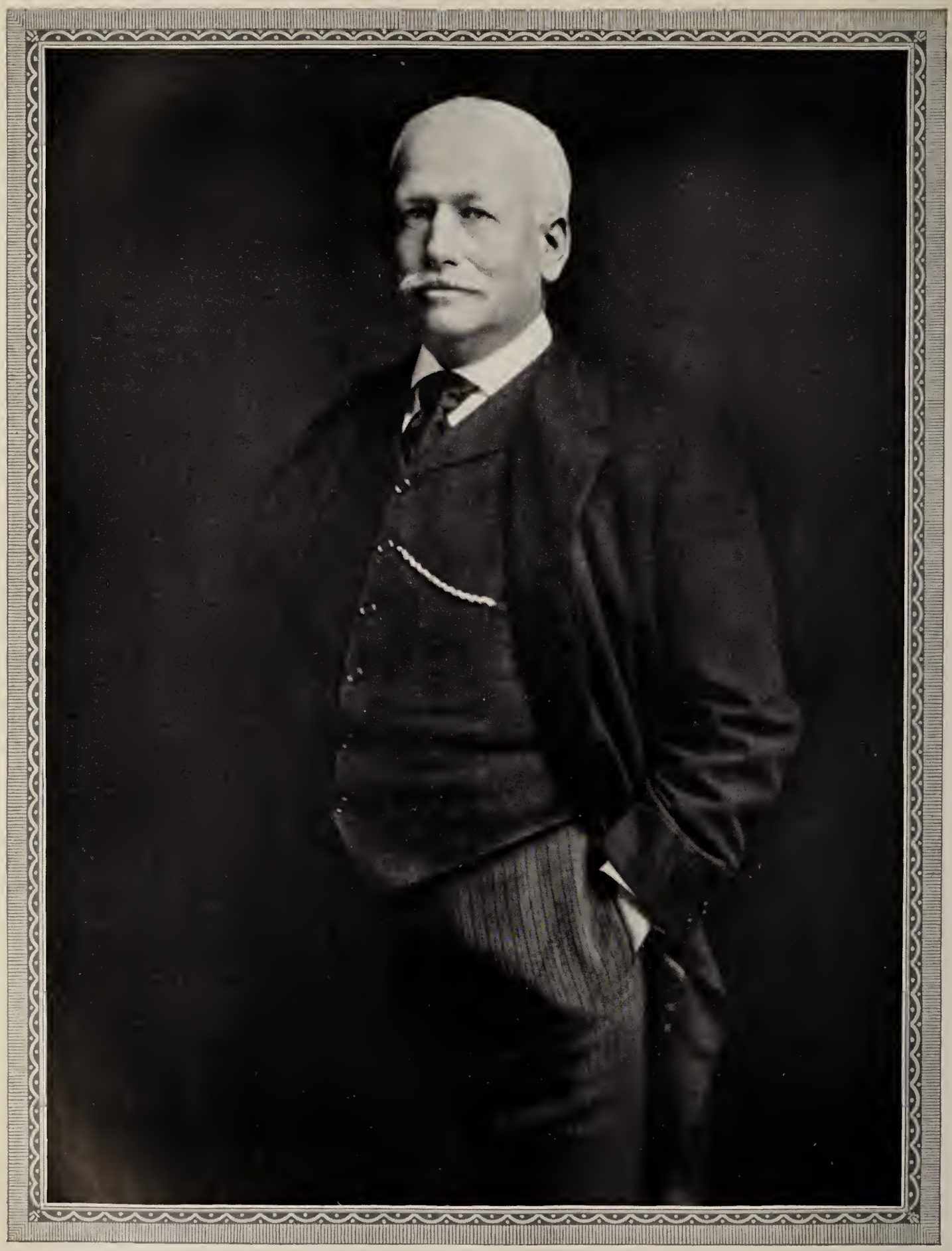
Harold Luther Fenner married, July 22, 1913, Frances Whitby, who was born in Portland, Connecticut, May 19, 1890, daughter of Samuel B. and Mary (Simpson) Whitby. Mrs. Fenner's father was superintendent of the well-known brownstone quarries located at Portland, and she attended the public schools of Portland and then entered the State Normal School at New Britain, Connecticut, from which she was graduated. Mr. and Mrs. Fenner became the parents of two children: 1. Harold W., born in 1914, died young. 2. Dorothy Bradford, born October 27, 1921.

HAROLD EUGENE WALKER, as treasurer of the Walker Funeral Home, Inc., at Gardner, operates a mortuary establishment of the finest type. He has been engaged in this enterprise during the past eight years and has won a recognized place in Gardner life.

Mr. Walker was born at Haverhill, Massachusetts, on March 1, 1895, a son of Eugene and Frances (Crabtree) Walker. His mother died in May, 1929. His father, formerly a shoe manufacturer at Haverhill and later a member of the permanent fire department, is now living retired.

Harold Eugene Walker received his preliminary education in the public schools and the high school of Haverhill. Subsequently he took a business course at Columbia University, attended commercial college in Washington, District of Columbia, and the New England Institute of Anatomy at Boston. About 1912, in Washington, he took the civil service examinations and entered the government service as a shorthand writer in the clerical offices. Subsequently he enlisted in the United States Navy and was a member of the Pay Corps altogether for some ten years, rising to the grade of paymaster. He was in the navy during the World War, serving on five different ships and several foreign stations.

In 1921, however, Mr. Walker resigned his commission from the navy and left Washington, becom-



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ing connected with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, where he was employed in the accounting department. He was assistant auditor of contract accounts of the company for a period of three years. At the end of that time he came to Gardner and opened the Funeral Parlors at No. 91 Vernon Street, which he still operates. Mr. Walker has spared no effort to secure the finest equipment and has made every provision for the comfort and convenience of his patrons. He uses the most modern methods, has two hearses in constant operation and has established a beautiful chapel and display room. On the main floor there are seating accommodations for one hundred and twenty-five, while in private family rooms on the second floor some thirty-five or forty can be accommodated. The Walker Funeral Home was incorporated in February, 1933. At that time Mr. Clayton E. Brown became affiliated with the concern and is actively engaged as president of the firm.

Apart from his business interests, Mr. Walker is very active in fraternal circles. He is affiliated with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master, and in this order is a member of all higher bodies, both York and Scottish Rites, including Pentucket Chapter, Royal Arch Masons at Haverhill; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is a Past Commander; and the Valley of Albany Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Albany, New York. Mr. Walker is also a member of Cyprus Temple, at Albany, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is affiliated, in addition, with William Ellison Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Gardner, of which he is a Past Noble Grand; with Gardner Encampment of the Odd Fellows; Sabin Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah; Jessamine Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of which he is a Past Patron; and Gardner Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Mr. Walker is also much interested in the Boy Scout movement, taking an active part in the work of the Boy Scouts at Gardner, where he is "Skipper" of the local Sea Scout ship, "Storm Cloud."

In 1917, Harold Eugene Walker married (first) Ruth M. Davis of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She died in June, 1924, leaving one son, Robert Elliott, now (1933) fourteen years old. On March 10, 1927, Mr. Walker married (second) Ida Reid, daughter of William and Ethel Reid of Manchester, New Hampshire. They maintain their home in Gardner. To them a son, Dean Elliott, was born August 8, 1933. Mrs. Walker is actively engaged in the business, having been graduated from the New England Institute of Anatomy and being a registered embalmer.

DARIUS AUSTIN PUTNAM—A scion of distinguished and ancient ancestry, this former well-known funeral director of Worcester, Darius Austin Putnam, lived up to the traditions of the family and during his varied career was always a public-minded citizen and useful member of the community. At the time of his death, in 1933, he had been a resident of Worcester for fifty-nine years. The lineage of his branch of the Putnam family has been traced back to 1199, the first American progenitor being John Putnam, son of Nicholas Putnam of Wingrave, Buckinghamshire, England, and of the seventeenth generation from Simon Putnam. John Putnam, baptized January 17, 1579, settled in Salem, Massachusetts, as early as 1634. He was the progenitor of General Israel and General Rufus Putnam, also of Captain Archelaus Putnam, father of Andrew Putnam and son of Edward Putnam. All were prominent in the affairs of the early Colonies and the Revolutionary War. The Edward Putnam mentioned was one of the first of the family to scatter from Danvers, the original home of many of the name, and he removed to Sutton in 1737, from which place the family spread to all parts of Worcester County. Direct in line from Edward Putnam was Andrew Putnam, born in Sutton, September 24, 1773, who was one of the pioneers of Rutland, Massachusetts, and the father of Sumner Putnam who married Amelia A. Newton, and they were the parents of Darius Austin Putnam, whose name heads this review.

Darius Austin Putnam was born at Rutland, April 20, 1853, and was reared on the homestead which had been in the family for many years. Like many of the name, his father was a lover of the land and throughout his life was a successful farmer. Darius A. Putnam was educated in the public schools and assisted his father on the farm until he was eighteen years old. He then took a position as a clerk in the Mountain House at Princeton, Massachusetts, a position he held for three summers. At the end of this time, when twenty-one years of age, he purchased a milk route in Worcester, but after a few years, selling out to advantage, he became associated with the wholesale and retail grocery business with Learned and Newton, of Worcester. At the end of three years he established himself in his own grocery store at No. 142 Central Street, and for six years operated it, finally disposing of it to a good advantage. The following three years he was with A. J. Tillinghast in the grocery business. He then traveled for three years for Manning Brothers, boots and shoes. In 1895 he took a position in the undertaking establishment of F. A. Caswell. Here he remained until 1898, when Mr. Putnam entered into a partnership with George G. Hildreth with headquarters at No. 36 Foster Street, and after two years at No. 30 Foster Street. In 1908, at the age of eighty-two, Mr. Hildreth retired from the firm, Mr. Putnam purchasing his interest. In 1911 he moved to No. 234 Main Street and opened what was the first funeral parlor in Worcester. In February, 1927, the establishment was moved to its present location at No. 866 Main Street, at which time the business was incorporated, and here he conducted one of the finest funeral parlors in New England. The officers of this corporation were: Darius A. Putnam, president and treasurer; A. Douglas Clark, vice-president; and Daniel B. Davis, secretary and assistant treasurer. Mr. Putnam had been a funeral director in Worcester longer than any other member of his profession.

Mr. Putnam always took an active interest in the development of Worcester. He was a member of the New England Funeral Directors' Association. Fraternally he was affiliated with Central Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Rathbone Lodge, Knights of Pythias; U. S. Grant Commandery, Knights of Malta; Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge; and Cherokee Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men. For many years he had been a member of Plymouth Congregational Church of Worcester, of which he had been a deacon since

1905 and for many years secretary of its Sunday school.

On December 6, 1876, Mr. Putnam married (first) Martha Rice Stone, born in Rutland, July 14, 1854, who died July 15, 1887, daughter of Stillman and Jeanette (Rice) Stone. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam became the parents of two children: 1. Winifred Jeanette, born December 25, 1877; married (first) Charles W. Reed, organ builder of West Boylston, by which marriage she has a son, Donald P. Reed, of Millbury, who married and has a daughter, Barbara. Mrs. Winifred J. (Putnam) Reed married (second) Dr. Frank E. Adams, of West Boylston. 2. Nelson Austin, died at the age of seven months. Mr. Putnam married (second), June 11, 1893, Alice Edna Gleason, daughter of William Frederick and Maria Mayo (Morse) Gleason and a descendant of Thomas Gleason, the first of the name in America, who was born in England in 1607. Through her mother's family she is directly descended from Joseph Morse, pioneer settler of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and of Daniel Morse, of the sixth generation, who served in the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam adopted a daughter, Dorothy Marie Putnam.

Although Mr. Putnam celebrated his eightieth birthday on April 20, 1933, he showed no signs of his age, but he died soon after, August 17, 1933.

LOUIS LEVINE—Founder and president of the New England Novelty Company, Inc., Louis Levine has been instrumental in building up this fine, well known Leominster industry to large and commanding proportions. It is one of the foremost concerns of the kind, given to the production of novelties for women's wear. The business is rated as one of the live commercial assets of the town.

Born in New York City's "East Side," March 7, 1902, Louis Levine is the son of Samuel and Sarah Levine and, after attending the public schools there, studied in the Peekskill (New York) High School, and entered New York University, where he remained one year and completed his formal education. After a short time engaged in the selling of life insurance, he went to Europe on a business mission.

He established himself in the manufacture of umbrella tips in Leominster in 1922 and was thus engaged for four years. The business prospered, and it seemed wise to expand the line of production. In 1926 an advance was made by obtaining a certificate of incorporation for the New England Novelty Company, Inc., which began to manufacture also various novelties for the ornamentation of women's dresses, hair, etc., continuing meanwhile the production of umbrella tips. The company was capitalized for $10,000, and the officers are: President, Louis Levine; vice-president, Harry Levine; Clerk, Samuel Salny. Its factory is at No. 35 Spruce Street, Leominster, where in normal times employment is given to three hundred and fifteen persons. The products are distributed throughout the country to the jobbing and syndicate trades and they find a ready demand, the goods having a very wide range from the most inexpensive to the costliest of novelties of the kinds manufactured.

Active in civic affairs in Leominster, Mr. Levine is affiliated with Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Leominster Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Agudas Ackim Society, Leominster Rotary Club and Leominster Country Club.

Mr. Levine married, September 29, 1929, Rae Bass, of Brooklyn, New York, and they have a daughter, Frances. Their home is at No. 146 North Main Street, Leominster.

HARRY LEVINE—Vice-president of one of the leading manufactories of Leominster, the New England Novelty Company, Inc., Harry Levine, although a young man, has had an eventful career.

Born on August 1, 1895, on the East Side of New York City, a son of Samuel and Sarah Levine, he attended public and high school and entered the College of the City of New York. He left college to open a sporting goods store in Peekskill, New York, where he conducted a growing business. Here he played an important part in organizing a company of the Naval Militia in Peekskill and was promoted to chief petty officer. On the day that America became a combatant nation Harry Levine enlisted and was assigned to duty in what was admittedly one of the most dangerous areas, the North Sea, where he served for the duration of the war.

After his discharge from the navy he began the manufacture of horn buttons in New York City. His business prospered and he continued it until 1927 when he consolidated with his brother Louis, whose factory in Leominster was producing a similar article, umbrella tips. The New England Novelty Company, as the new firm was known, expanded to include the manufacture of novelties for women's dresses, hair, etc. The company is capitalized at $10,000 and employs three hundred and fifteen persons.

Harry Levine is a member of the Masonic Order and of the Agudas Achim.

In 1919, he married Hannah Fish, of Peekskill, New York. They have two children, Irwin and Morton.

JOSEPH HENRY GOGUEN—During the past ten years, Joseph Henry Goguen has been active in many phases of the life of Leominster, rising to a position of recognized prominence in its affairs. He was born in Fitchburg, March 8, 1899, a son of Oliver and Mary (Le Blanc) Goguen, both of whom were natives of Canada.

After the completion of his preliminary education in the parochial schools of Leominster, Joseph Henry Goguen entered Assumption High School in Worcester, from which he was graduated in 1918. In the fall of the same year he entered Holy Cross College, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts at that institution upon the completion of the required course in 1922. Thereafter he became a member of the faculty of Assumption College, Worcester, teaching in the science department. For three and a half years, however, he also attended Northeastern Law School, where he secured a thorough grounding in legal theory and practice.

In 1928 Mr. Goguen was elected a member of the city council of Leominster, serving for two years and during that time was chairman of the legal affairs committee and a member of the public service commission. During the centenary celebration he was chairman of the committee which arranged for the contribution made by Leominster. In 1930 Mr. Goguen was elected to the State Leg-

islature and served in that position in 1931 and 1932. He was a member of the committeees on education, conservation and power and light. In 1932 he was reëlected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for 1933-34. He was also elected a member of the 1932 Electoral College. In August, 1933, he was appointed chief of the field division, internal revenue department, for the Massachusetts District.

Mr. Goguen has been no less active in fraternal circles and in Catholic enterprises of the city and county. He is a Past Exalted Ruler of Leominster Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion, to which he is eligible through his World War service. He enlisted in Company B of the Students Army Training Corps, in September, 1918, and received his honorable discharge in December of that year after the signing of the Armistice. Mr. Goguen is a member of St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church. He is a devout Catholic, deeply interested in church work and in all welfare enterprises. He has been a member for many years of L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique and is past president of Conseil Bourget of this society. He is also a member of La Société L'Assumption and in 1925-26 was a representative to the Grand Lodge. Mr. Goguen is past president of the Club Laurier. In 1931 he attended the summer session at The Sorbonne, Paris, France. He is widely known throughout this section, and his many services in the public interest have won him the respect and regard of the people of this city.

On August 13, 1923, Joseph Henry Goguen married Corinne Lamoreux of Leominster. They maintain their residence in this city.

THE BATES SHOE COMPANY—The Bates Shoe Company was founded originally in March, 1886, by A. J. Bates, who was at the time a well-known distributor of shoes in New York City, taking a great portion of the output of several leading New England shoe manufacturers. He established a factory at Webster, Massachusetts, solely for the purpose of manufacturing one line of shoes formerly made for his company by the E. and A. H. Batchelder Company of North Brookfield, one of the largest shoe manufacturers in America in that day. This line was a heavy, standard screw, veal lace shoe and sold to the consumer at $1.50 per pair. The Webster venture was a success from the beginning and soon required addition to the original small building which constituted the first plant. Today the vast factory of the company has a floor space of more than five acres, where hundreds of workers find employment. The company manufactures men's shoes for the popular priced field exclusively, producing approximately 500,000 pairs of shoes annually which find a ready market over the entire country and are also exported to some extent. These shoes, manufactured in every style and type, are favorably known all through the United States. Normally, about six hundred people are employed in the plant.

The Webster factory, at the beginning, was managed by J. B. Burnham, formerly of Humphrey and Burnham, but in a few months he was succeeded by Edgar A. Bates, son of the founder. In January, 1906, the firm was incorporated as the A. J. Bates Company. In addition to his son, Edgar A. Bates, Mr. Bates, the founder, had associated with him in this venture F. I. Sears. Mr. Sears, the president, has witnessed the entire development of the company from its incorporation, and it may be said that its success has been due in large part to his executive ability and broad experience as a shoe manufacturer. His early experience was with the Commonwealth Shoe and Leather Company, and he has always been looked upon as one of the best leather buyers in the industry. Edgar A. Bates, son of the founder, has devoted his main attention to managing the wholesale distributing house of A. J. Bates and Company in New York City, but he has also remained an active director of the Webster Company.

The present vice-president of the Bates Shoe Company, Edgar Asa Craver, is a grandson of the founder. He was born at Binghampton, New York, on February 6, 1894, a son of Charles Craver, who has been engaged in the wholesale seed business in that city for many years, and of Sarah (Bates) Craver, oldest daughter of A. J. Bates. Mr. Craver was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1916. In 1917, after the entry of the United States into the World War, he enlisted in the Air Service and was stationed at Kelly Field, in Texas, receiving his commission as first lieutenant. Following his discharge from the army, he became associated with the Bates Shoe Company as secretary. In 1929 he was elected vice-president of the company and now serves as vice-president and secretary.

DR. JOHN JOSEPH CURLEY—During the past ten years, Dr. John Joseph Curley has been engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery at Leominster. Coming to this city after the completion of a very thorough course of training he quickly won a place in the life of the community and has continued his professional activities with conspicuous success.

Dr. Curley was born at Marlboro, Massachusetts, on July 23, 1899, a son of Michael and Anne T. (Clancy) Curley. His mother was also born in Marlboro and is still living in that city. His father, who died in 1914, was a native of Ireland. He came to the United States in 1880, settling at Marlboro, and for many years was employed in local shoe factories, where he was foreman of the cutting department. Mr. Curley was active in Marlboro life. He was alderman of the city for six years, served as assessor of the city for about ten years, and in 1900 was a candidate for mayor, being defeated in a close race.

Dr. John Joseph Curley received his education in the public schools of his birthplace and following his graduation from high school entered Tufts College. Subsequently he studied at Tufts Medical School, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1922 upon the completion of the required course. For two years thereafter he was an interne attached to the staff of Worcester City Hospital. Finally, in 1924, he came to Leominster and began the active practice which he has since continued with offices at No. 82 Main Street. With the passing years the demands on his services have steadily increased and his professional standing is of the best. Dr. Curley is a member of the staff of Leominster Hospital. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts

Medical Society and the Worcester County North Medical Society.

During the period of the World War, Dr. Curley enlisted in the Regular Army and was stationed at Boston until his honorable discharge on December 7, 1918. He is now physician for the Veterans' Bureau at Leominster and is a member of the local post of the American Legion. While he has always given his best attention to his professional duties, he has been active in other phases of Leominster life, being affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree. In religious faith he is a Catholic.

On April 11, 1923, Dr. John Joseph Curley married Agnes B. King of Worcester, daughter of Thomas K. and Mary (Comerford) King. They are the parents of the following children: 1. John Joseph, born January 1, 1925. 2. Barbara N., born June 4, 1926. 3. David, born May 14, 1931.

ROBERT L. MOORE—Through his work, connections and influence as a leading executive in the Young Men's Christian Association, Robert L. Moore, general secretary of the Central branch at Worcester, has become a national figure in the movement. Mr. Moore was born in Boston, June 28, 1884, the son of John F. and Ellen (Close) Moore, his parents natives of England, the father connected with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company until his death in 1926, the mother having died in 1916.

On passing through the public schools, Mr. Moore identified himself with educational and social welfare work, which has been the medium of his almost continuous service. His career began in his native city of Boston, where he was engaged as secretary of the Wells Memorial Institute for a number of years. It was in 1911 that he came to Worcester as educational secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association here, continuing in that capacity until 1915. From Worcester he went to New York City, where he was similarly occupied for one year. Then in 1917 he was made general secretary of the Worcester association. He has advanced far in the associational movement, having membership in the National Council, the State (Massachusetts) Committee, and the General Board, the latter consisting only of thirty-six members.

He is also active in his fraternal and club organizations, where his natural qualifications for leadership have won recognition. He is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Economic Club and Rotary Club, all of Worcester. His immediate religious activities are expressed through the Baptist Church.

Mr. Moore married, in 1909, Edith Lord, of New Hampshire, and their children are: 1. Eleanor, born April 21, 1911, a student at Boston University. 2. Robert L., Jr., born June 17, 1913, a student at Colgate University. Mr. Moore has his official address at the headquarters of the Young Men's Christian Association, and the family home is at No. 766 Main Street, Worcester.

WORCESTER Y. M. C. A.—With the coming of the industrial era, and the rapid concentration of people in cities, there arose many problems confronting youth. The activities accompanying rural life were denied him, and many forms of commercialized entertainment sprang up, and much of this was degrading.

In order to help youth meet the difficulties of city life, a group of young men organized the Young Men's Christian Association. The objective of the organization was to help men and young men develop a balanced life—to grow physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually.

In 1852, when Worcester was a city of but 18,000 population, the citizens decided that there was need for a Young Men's Christian Association in the city. After careful planning, an organization was effected, and the second Young Men's Christian Association to be formed in the United States was the one located in Worcester. This organization continued for a period, and then resolved itself into the Young Men's Library Association from which eventually sprang our Free Public Library.

In 1864 a determined effort was made to reestablish the Young Men's Christian Association which resulted in success, and from then until now this organization has served the youth of this community in continuous and increasing effectiveness.

The stated purpose of the Young Men's Christian Association is as follows:

> The Worcester Young Men's Christian Association is a fellowship serving people of all creeds and classes. Its purpose is to develop the whole personality through a balanced program providing social, mental, physical, and religious activities.
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> In particular, it aims to stimulate in men and boys individual self expression and self direction, and to foster under sympathetic and competent leadership such attitudes toward life and such skill in meeting its common experiences and crises as will make for Christian citizenship.
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> It is consecrated to the supreme purpose of interpreting the spirit of Christ, not only to its own membership, but to all whom it is able to reach so that they may find a happy adjustment to the various experiences of life, and by contact with their fellowmen advance a Christian society.

In 1869 the Young Men's Christian Association was incorporated. Its first permanent location was in Mechanics Hall. In September of 1864 rooms were engaged and furnished, and a corps of officers elected.

The first president of the association was Frederick A. Clapp, who served until June, 1865, a term of one year. From that period until the present time the association has had twenty-seven presidents serving for various terms. They are as follows: Charles Ballard, June, 1865 to June, 1866; Asa L. Burbank, June, 1866 to June, 1867; Henry M. Wheeler, June, 1867 to June, 1869; Lucius P. Goddard, June, 1869 to June, 1870; Henry H. Merriam, June, 1870 to June, 1871; Charles B. Knight, June, 1871 to June, 1872; George C. Whitney, June, 1872 to June, 1873; Charles D. Tucker, June, 1873 to June, 1874; Edward C. Whitney, June, 1874 to June, 1876; Samuel W. Cooke, June, 1876 to June, 1878; J. Orlando Bemis, June, 1878 to June, 1881; William Woodward, June, 1881 to June, 1883; Hon, James Logan, June, 1883 to June, 1884; George C. Whitney, June, 1884 to June, 1885; J. Orlando Bemis, June, 1885 to October, 1887; William A. Denholm, October, 1887 to April, 1889; Charles F. Rugg, April, 1889 to October, 1893; Henry D. Barber, October, 1893 to April, 1896; Albert H. Inman, April, 1896 to October, 1897; Alfred S. Roe, October, 1897 to April, 1904; Walter M. Spauld-

ing, April, 1904 to April, 1907; Frank H. Robson, April, 1907 to April, 1913; Clarence W. Hobbs, April, 1913 to April, 1918; John W. Higgins, April, 1918 to April, 1920; George F. Booth, April, 1920 to April, 1923; Curtis R. Blanchard, April, 1923 to April, 1927. President Warren A. Whitney was elected in April, 1927.

From meager available records, the early activities of the association were confined chiefly to a reading room, social meetings, promotion of Christian fellowship among frequenters of the rooms, and advice and counsel to those in need thereof materially or spiritually.

The rooms in Mechanics Hall were occupied until November, 1869. Then the association moved to a building at Harrington Corner, which were temporary quarters. In December, 1870 a ten-year lease was made of two rooms and an assembly hall in the Chapin Building on Pearl Street. These quarters were not wholly attractive for association work, so in November, 1877, it was finally decided that a new location had become a necessary step if the work was to continue. In due course, other quarters were secured at No. 411 Main Street.

The association is essentially a laymen's organization, conducted by, for, and with young men. Nevertheless, it was soon found necessary, with the wide and ramified program of the association, to employ secretaries working in partnership with laymen in carrying on this program.

The first general secretary was M. Benson Van Vranken who served for less than a year, and resigned because of impaired health. He was succeeded by the following general secretaries: Richard H. Shelton, 1881 to 1887; Samuel G. McConaughy, 1887 to 1890; Herbert L. Gale, 1890 to 1894; Walter B. Abbott, 1895 to 1898, Halsey Hammond, 1898 to 1901; Charles C. Miles, 1901 to 1904; Fred L. Willis, 1904 to 1917. The present general secretary is Robert L. Moore, who was educational secretary of the local association for five years, and after a year's service in the New York Young Men's Christian Association was elected to the general secretaryship of the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association in 1917.

While the work in these Main Street quarters was successful, friends of the association were clamoring for permanent quarters. A building of its own was long contemplated, a sort of dream in the minds of those who longed for it. Years before the enterprise had taken definite shape, the association had been incorporated, and trustees appointed for the holding and care of trust funds.

The act incorporating the association was signed June 4, 1868, by Governor Bullock, one of our life members. Power was given to hold property to the amount of $100,000, the incorporators being Philip L. Moen, Lucius W. Pond, and John Quincy Adams. When the edifice was really decided upon, the Legislature of 1886 increased the property-holding power to $200,000.

It should ever add to the interest in the Worcester association that its building fund started with the bequest of a young man, not yet of age, Albert H. Brooks, who, dying, requested that his savings bank book should be given to the association as a foundation stone for the subsequent structure. Albert Hopkins Brooks was an active member of the association. He was a member of the second class in Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and was stricken with typhoid fever near the end of his junior year. He died at the age of nineteen. When eleven years old, he had begun an account at the Five Cents Saving Bank, and it was this bank book, representing his boyish savings, that, at the request of the boy, his father turned over to the trustees of the association. The amount when thus transferred was $102.24.

In October, 1883, the board appointed a "New Building Committee" consisting of Albert Curtis, Charles H. Morgan, William A. Smith, William A. Denholm, Roger F. Upham, A. L. D. Buxton, J. O. Bemis, George C. Whitney, George F. Hutchings, R. H. Shelton, and Hon. James Logan, who were to "devise means for, and have charge of, the raising of all money for the erection of a building for the use of the association."

A canvass for funds was started, and friends of the association contributed the amount of $100,000, the estimated cost of the building. When completed and furnished, it had absorbed more than $150,000.

The corner stone of the Elm and Pearl streets property was laid August 27, 1886, with befitting ceremonies. William A. Denholm was the president of the association at this time. Dwight L. Moody gave the principal address.

In this splendid new structure—one of the finest of its kind in the country at that time—new phases of work for young men were pioneered. In addition to the religious and social work of the association, a program of physical education, health and recreation was inaugurated. The excellent gymnasium, well equipped and manned, made the Young Men's Christian Association the leader in this type.

In 1872, the use of the directors' room was granted on Thursday evenings for a "lads' prayer meeting." After the opening of the new building in 1887, a small space was set aside for the use of boys, and they were voted the privileges of the gymnasium three days a week.

In March, 1899, Herbert P. McAllister was assigned the task of assisting in the promotion of Boys' Work, which he did effectively, and the first secretary to bear the title of Boys' Work Secretary was O. E. Bourne who came to the association in May, 1901.

Another pioneer project was the establishment of a dormitory for young men away from home. The Day and Gage buildings were purchased in 1912, and the upper floors of the building were remodeled into a dormitory, accommodating sixty men.

Again the urge for better accommodations was felt, and with the sale of the Elm Street property in 1913 to the Knights of Columbus, plans for a modern building took rapid shape.

The new building committee which eventually completed the Main Street building, appointed by President Clarence W. Hobbs, was as follows: Albert H. Inman, chairman; DeWitt Clinton, John W. Higgins, Clarence W. Hobbs, Paul B. Morgan, and Robert L. Moore, general secretary.

Soon after the sale of this building, the Thomas H. Dodge estate at No. 766 Main Street was purchased. This property consisted of 63,014 square feet, which made possible adequate building space and an out-door playground.

In June, 1915, a gymnasium building was erected on Murray Avenue. A campaign for building

funds was planned and carried out in October, 1916, with a goal of $350,000. The sum of $367,-187 was secured. In November, 1918, the main building was completed at a cost of $776,408. December 14, 1924 the dedication of the new building was held, with Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick as the principal speaker.

In this new home of the Young Men's Christian Association, there is provided room for two hundred dormitories; a department of education, with some fifteen rooms, furnished with modern school equipment; two gymnasiums; a swimming pool; and, of great importance, a section of the building is provided exclusively for Boys' Work.

With the completion of this structure the Worcester association was housed in a building second to none in the United States. Every phase of work was increased. The dormitories were filled to capacity.

The educational work continued to grow, and again the Young Men's Christian Association pioneered in Worcester a movement to give higher education to those who were working and did not have college training earlier in life. Two schools of college grade were organized, one in law, and one in business. This was in addition to the preparatory school, of day high school grade, and the engineering school.

A program of work for men in industry was developed. An industrial group was organized which met monthly to discuss the problems of industry.

During the Great War, the association served hundreds of men in the dormitory even before the building was completed, and upon the return of the men from service to their home town free memberships were given to them, and free courses in education.

With the enlarging of the building over the original plans, and also with the increased price of materials, the new building cost $400,000 more than its first estimate.

In 1923 it was decided to clear the association of this indebtedness. Under the leadership of George F. Booth, president, a preliminary subscription was secured to the amount of $223,000. The following year President Curtis R. Blanchard led the association into a city-wide campaign to raise the balance of the amount. The chairman of the Campaign Committee was Harry G. Stoddard, and under his able direction, a total of $428,000 was secured. This cleared the association of all of its indebtedness, and it was a great triumph for the Christian forces of the city.

Another contribution of the Young Men's Christian Association to the city of Worcester was its pioneering of a program of outdoor activities.

In 1888, the Lake Department was started at Lake Quinsigamond. In 1902 a boat house was built on property adjoining a parcel of land belonging to Hon. James Logan, a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association. This land he later deeded to the Young Men's Christian Association. This boat house served as a recreation center for its members during the summer. Men were taught swimming, life saving, canoeing, and boating. It was built by funds raised by members. It has since been disposed of.

In 1911, a camp for boys was established in Washington, New Hampshire. This camp site was given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Morgan, and consists of one hundred and eighty-nine acres of beautifully wooded hills and a lake frontage of practically one-half of Millen Pond.

From further benefactions by Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, a dining lodge was erected, and later a recreation building, consisting of an assembly room, library, and handicraft rooms. The capacity of camp has grown to ninety-six boys. It is considered by many to be one of the finest pieces of work rendered by the association.

In June, 1927 the property given to the Young Men's Christian Association by Edward L. Davis at Lake Quinsigamond was purchased by Curtis R. Blanchard. The money was invested in a camp site at Camp Manchaug, some fifteen miles from Worcester. This land consisted of thirty-five acres of farm land and pine groves, with a shore front of approximately three-quarters of a mile.

This nearby camp is used for over-night and week-end camping parties by either boys or young men, and is a great addition to the outdoor program of the association.

Adjacent to the building is a plot of land which has been leveled and prepared for outdoor athletics. When the weather permits, this playground is used continuously by our boys.

In November, 1928 a request was made by the officials of Norton Company in Greendale that we institute a program for boys in that locality. A survey was made of the community, and a secretary was assigned to that work.

The following month a program of work was started in the Greendale Branch under the supervision of a local Committee of Management and Donald M. Smith, executive secretary.

The Greendale Branch has a membership of two hundred members, and much of its activities are for non-members, both boys and girls. In its program is the organization of clubs, leagues, athletic events, and outdoor sports. Much of it is non-equipment work.

The program of the Young Men's Christian Association is far-reaching in its scope of work. It sponsors radio programs on special occasions. During Easter week religious services are given by the churches of the city and their choir; to emphasize the opportunities and privileges of the Young Men's Christian Association broadcasts are permitted.

As another community project, the Young Men's Christian Association for the past three years has carried on a free program with the unemployed. In our schools division, classes have been held in the morning and evening in such subjects as Business English, Blue Print Reading, Arithmetic, Business Correspondence, Elementary Economics, Psychology, and Civics. In the Physical Department have been classes in calisthenics. Leagues have also been formed in this department, and mass games enjoyed by the participants. Each registrant in this work with the unemployed has been given a free physical examination. All these activities have been furnished the men wholly without charge. Some seven hundred men and young men have taken advantage of this opportunity to learn and play during their leisure time.

At Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Clark University, and at Worcester Academy are Student Christian Associations.

The work of the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association may be divided into four sections

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—Boys' Division, Men's Division, Schools' Division and Women's Division. In these divisions are organized self-directed clubs and groups with definite programs and purposes. In the Physical Department are classes in calisthenics and swimming, and the organization of leagues in baseball, basketball, volley ball, hockey, and soccer. Church basketball and bowling leagues are also scheduled.

The Worcester Young Men's Christian Association has enlarged its program to include activities for women and girls. This is our Women's Division, which comprises the members of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Mothers' Club, the Y's Menettes, the "Y" Wives, and the girls of the Sunday Fireside Club.

This Women's Division in itself is a new venture. The first chairman of the division is Mrs. Paul H. Wilson.

The total number of different members in the Young Men's Christian Association shows an interesting trend. In 1868, there were five hundred and eleven members; in 1933, a total of 5,384 members. The total attendance at all activities was 299,282.

LAWRENCE F. ST. MARTIN—As president of the City Truck Company of Worcester, Lawrence F. St. Martin is at the head of one of the largest and most successful enterprises of its kind in the city.

Lawrence F. St. Martin was born in Westboro, March 29, 1894, only child of Felix St. Martin, a native of Canada who spent most of his life in Westboro, where he was engaged in shoemaking, and of Zanaida (Chabot) St. Martin, who was born in Northboro, Massachusetts, both now deceased. He received his education in the public schools of Westboro and then, in 1912, when he was eighteen years old, engaged in the express business, beginning with a small truck and one horse. At the end of six months he added another truck to his equipment, and as his business enlarged he continued to add other trucks until by 1917 he was operating six. In 1917, a few months after the entrance of the United States into the World War, it became apparent that opportunity for rapid growth of the trucking business had developed almost overnight, owing to the increased demand for rapid movement of freight. The railroads were unable to meet the new conditions and Mr. St. Martin was quick to recognize the fact that the time had come for greatly increasing his facilities for handling cargoes of all kinds. In August, 1917, the City Truck Company was organized, with Mr. St. Martin as president and Harold L. Gulick (q. v.) as secretary and treasurer. The new company purchased the first five-ton Mack truck sold through the local Mack agency, and, with the trucks already in service, began operating between Worcester and New York and Worcester and Philadelphia, while continuing to provide local transportation in Worcester. In 1918 the Boston, New York and Philadelphia Despatch was formed and began making regular daily trips to Philadelphia, providing a dependable means of transportation for manufacturers of Worcester and vicinity, whose shipments went mostly to New York and Philadelphia. The growth of the business was rapid. In 1919 the company's total outfit was ten trucks. The offices of the City Truck Company at No. 26 Washington Square, Worcester, were soon outgrown, and in 1920 the company leased the property at No. 3 Harrison Street. By 1922 twenty-five trucks were in operation, and on April 24, 1924, the company purchased property at No. 12 Ward Street for the housing of their complete outfit, and regular service was begun between Worcester and Boston and between Worcester and Providence. By 1930 the number of trucks had been increased to thirty-five, and an addition was built to the housing plant. At the present time the company operates thirty-seven trucks and maintains organized terminals in Boston, Providence, and Springfield, each being operated by a local manager. The City Truck Company now serves as contract carrier for twenty per cent. of the large firms in Worcester and in the surrounding area, including the Universal Car Loading and Distributing Company, providing Worcester manufacturers with service to the Middle West and West, and the Merchants' and Miners' Company of Boston, operating boat lines from Boston and Providence to southern points by coastwise steamers. They are also inland carriers for the Colonial Navigation Company, operating boats from Providence to New York and New Jersey ports. The Boston-Providence service gives manufacturers of Worcester daily connections with coastwise and foreign steamship lines operating out of the ports of Boston and Providence, and there is daily service to Springfield, Westfield, and Northampton, as well as to Fitchburg, Gardner, Athol and Greenfield. The truck fleet of the company is at the present time one of the largest in Massachusetts and also the largest operating between the port of Boston and the city of Worcester. The company employs from forty-five to fifty people and, aside from its real estate, represents an investment of $200,000. Close attention to business, careful fulfilling of obligations assumed, and ability of a high order have enabled Mr. St. Martin and Mr. Gulick to build up one of the finest trucking enterprises in the State of Massachusetts. Mr. St. Martin is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his religious affiliation is with the Church of the Blessed Sacrament of Worcester.

Lawrence F. St. Martin married in January, 1911, Mary H. Kelly, who was born in Millbury, daughter of John and Ellen Kelly. Mr. and Mrs. St. Martin have one child, Lawrence Franklin, who was born April 21, 1920.

CHARLES DAVID KENDALL—One of the large dairy farmers of Central Massachusetts is Charles David Kendall, of Grafton, who was formerly president of the Warren Leather Goods Company of Worcester, of which he was one of the founders.

Charles David Kendall was born in Boylston, November 10, 1854, son of Horace and Sarah A. (Maynard) Kendall and a descendant of Francis Kendall, who came from England prior to 1640 and settled in Woburn, Massachusetts, where he was one of the foremost citizens, operating, a gristmill in addition to farming. He was prominent in town affairs and served as selectman for eighteen years. The line of descent to Charles David Kendall includes Caleb Kendall, born in what is now Sterling, who served in the Revolution, enlisting from Shrewsbury in Captain Ezra Beame's Company. Samuel Kendall, of the fourth

generation was a soldier in the French and Indian wars. Mr. Kendall's grandfather came to Boylston in 1777, and his father, Horace Kendall, was born there. Charles David Kendall attended the public schools of his birthplace. In 1867 he went to work for Colonel N. McClelland in a hat and fur store. This continued until 1875, when he bought out the merchant tailoring store of Mr. Stockwell and operated this for eight years. Then he came to Grafton, where he purchased a general country store, which he operated three years. He then disposed of this and, when his father established a furniture business in Worcester in 1871, he became a clerk in his father's store, located at No. 319 Main Street, which in time became one of the important furniture concerns of the city, well known to buyers of both antique and modern furniture. This continued until the father's death, when there were three of the Kendall sons, Charles David, Sanford Clayton, and Frederick Horace, who had became interested in it. The second of these, Sanford Clayton Kendall, had long held a position in the business and during the last years of the father's life served as manager. After the father's death in 1899, the three sons continued the business, which in 1901 took the firm name of the Kendall Furniture Company. In 1902 Charles D. and Frederick H. withdrew, leaving Sanford C. as sole proprietor. The two other brothers, with Bamford Elliott and William H. Hayden, organized the Warren Leather Goods Company, for the purpose of taking over the J. J. Warren Company. The Warren Leather Goods Company was incorporated that same year (1902) with a capital of $30,000, and with J. J. Hickey (q. v.), of Shrewsbury, as president; Charles D. Kendall, vice-president; William H. Hayden, secretary; and Frederick H. Kendall, treasurer. Charles D. Kendall served as vice-president for twelve years and was then made president, which executive position he filled most efficiently for thirteen years, until he resigned in 1906. During those twenty-five years the business was enlarged from year to year, until it occupied the spacious factory at No. 80 Austin Street, where it employed more than four hundred hands in the manufacture of suit cases of every description, traveling bags, and a great variety of leather and canvas goods. In 1916 the original capital of $30,000 was increased to $300,000 and the business was then greatly enlarged in every line.

As the business prospered Charles D. Kendall, the subject of this biography, year by year invested part of his share of the profits in another venture in which he has since been eminently successful. He purchased farms, one at a time, until now he owns three, the last of which was bought in 1931. These three farms, all located in Grafton, have an aggregate acreage of nearly six hundred acres. Four dwelling houses are located on the three farms, the one in which Mr. Kendall resides being one of the most beautiful homes in this section. All the outbuildings on these farms are of the most modern type. A barn, over two hundred feet long, provides up-to-date, sanitary accommodations for one hundred and fifty head of cattle, of which one hundred are milk cows. From seven to ten men are kept constantly busy on the estate. Auto trucks, modern machinery, and automobiles, together with six heavy draft horses, aid in the efficiency with which the work is performed, and Mr. Kendall has become one of the foremost dairymen and farmers in Central Massachusetts. Though he is almost eighty years old, he is active and vigorous, reads without glasses, and looks carefully after the details connected with this great industry. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, also the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Rose Croix Lodge of Perfection, in all of which bodies, except the Blue Lodge, he holds a life membership. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and his religious affiliation is with the Unitarian Church.

Charles David Kendall married, June 26, 1884, Kate Elizabeth Lindsay, of Grafton, who was born January 16, 1860, daughter of Ira and Mary (Estabrook) Lindsay. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall are the parents of three children: 1. Horace Clayton, born in Grafton, September 26, 1885, was graduated from the English High School in 1904, and from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1907, and is now manager of the Rockwood Sprinkler Company. He is married and has three children. 2. Herbert Lindsay, born in Worcester, June 22, 1899, engaged in the milk business; married Ethel Hines and has one son. 3. Charles Donald, born in Worcester, August 14, 1899, is associated with the Eastern States Grain Company, Springfield, Massachusetts; married, in 1921, Catherine Hall, of Worcester, and has two children.

THE BUDISH AND CAPLAN COMPANY, INC., owners and operators of the oldest and largest wholesale fruit and produce establishment in Worcester, had its inception in 1911. Louis Kaplan is president; Jacob Budish, treasurer; Harry Payne, vice-president; and Gertrude L. Cotton, assistant treasurer and clerk. It was first situated at Foster and Bridge streets, where it had its quarters until 1925, in which year the company built its present building at Nos. 5-23 Hygeia Street. It is a spacious, well-built two-story structure, with basement, and contains 35,000 square feet of floor space. The company handles, on the wholesale plan only, fresh fruit and vegetables and enjoys an excellent reputation for quality of service and promptness of delivery, as well as for the well-known high standard of its goods.

Jacob Budish, treasurer of the Budish and Kaplan Company, Inc., was born in Kiev, Russia, March 13, 1879, and came to America in 1905. From the time of his arrival on our shores he has been connected with the fruit and produce business. He was in Boston from 1905 until 1911 and in the latter year came to Worcester. For considerably more than twenty years he has been an increasingly large factor in the fruit and produce business here. He is a member of B'nai B'rith and Temple Emanuel, the Jewish Home for Aged and Orphans, and the United Jewish Charities, which last-named organization he serves as treasurer.

Mr. Budish married, in 1907, Rebecca Fritz, a native of Russia, and they have three daughters: 1. Elizabeth, a graduate of Wellesley College, class of 1930. 2. Nahamo, a graduate of Syracuse (New York) University. 3. Gertrude, a graduate of Worcester High School, 1933.

Louis Kaplan, president of the Budish and Kaplan Company, Inc., was born in the Ukraine, Russia, July 4, 1883, and received his education in the public schools of his homeland. In 1898 he accom-

panied his parents to America and they settled in Boston. In the same year he started in the retail produce business in that city and was thus engaged for thirteen years. In 1911 he came to Worcester to be an associate of Jacob Budish in the wholesale fruit and produce business, later with his family becoming a member of the firm and, when the firm was incorporated, he became its president, which position he still retains. He is affiliated with B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Synagogue.

Mr. Kaplan married, December 25, 1908, Fannie King, who was born in the same town in Russia as her husband, and their children are: 1. David H., a graduate of Iowa University. 2. Mildred B., a graduate of Ohio University. 3. Ethel, a student in high school.

H. WADSWORTH CRAWFORD—A rare heritage was that into which H. W. Crawford, of Webster, came as the successor of his father in the post of resident agent of the Stevens Linen Works in Dudley, whose plant is said to be the largest in the country devoted to its lines of manufacture. Like his honored father, he is prominent in financial institutions of Webster and a leader in civic affairs of the town.

John Morrison Crawford, father of the present resident agent of the Stevens mills, was born in Belfast, Ireland. In his youth he came with his parents to this country and they made their home in Dudley. Although he went to work in tender years in order to help support the family, he made out to educate himself and became a well-informed man. When ten years old, he was given the place of office boy in the Stevens Linen Works and continued to rise in favor and position, until in October, 1907, he was made resident agent of the corporation, which post he retained until his death, having been sixty-one years in the service of the concern. For a quarter-century he was town treasurer of Dudley, and at different times filled the offices of chairman of the board of water commissioners, chairman of the Free Public Library, and was active in public affairs all his life. He was president of the Webster Five Cents Savings Bank and a director of the First National Bank of Webster. His fraternal alliances included the thirty-second Scottish Rite degree in Freemasonry and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. He married May Burnett, who was a native of New York City. His death occurred on May 12, 1929.

H. Wadsworth Crawford, son of John Morrison and May (Burnett) Crawford, was born in Dudley, August 22, 1884, and received his education in the public schools of his native town, at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, and at Tufts College. On leaving college, he worked for the General Electric Company a few months. His career in association with the Stevens Linen Works in Dudley began in 1905, when he accepted a position as shipping clerk. He was advanced on his merits and finally was promoted to superintendent of the plant, filling this post for eighteen years. On the death of his father in the spring of 1929 he was appointed his successor as the resident agent, in which office he has since been retained. He also succeeded to his father's chair on the board of the First National Bank of Webster, and is a trustee of the Webster Five Cents Savings Bank.

He is well known in fraternal, club and sports circles, a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Freemason, a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; the Webster-Dudley Golf Club, of which he is vice-president; the Boston Yacht Club, Boston; and the Edgewood Yacht Club, Providence, Rhode Island. He is an enthusiast at golf and yachting and owns the yacht "Hujunan," built in 1927 and modernly equipped.

H. Wadsworth Crawford married, August 15, 1914, Pearle Longley, of Plymouth, Maine, and they have three children: Nancy Jane, Julia Burnett and H. Wadsworth, Jr.

A brief history of the Stevens Linen Works, of which Mr. Crawford is the resident agent, is here given. The mills occupy the site of the old Merino Wool Factory Company, organized in 1811 and incorporated the following year. Two small buildings, each with a small prone and old-time breast wheel, were built. The stockholders, many of them, were the neighboring farmers. The war of 1812-14 ruined the business and all of the original stock was lost. On March 17, 1817, Joseph Schofield, Nathaniel Lyon, Chester Mann, and Joseph Mallatieu purchased the property, carrying on the woolen business, and in 1835 another mill was built, with its dam and small waterwheel. But the business was never for long successful, and in the early 40's work was abandoned.

Henry Hale Stevens started in the woolen business in North Andover in company with George Hodges, but he soon began to take an interest in the linen trade and, leaving the woolen industry, bought a quantity of linen machinery early in 1846 and began manufacture in a small way at North Andover. In a few weeks, on hearing that the Merino property was for sale, he came to Dudley and bought the mills and privileges. His machinery, much of it not taken from the boxes, was shipped to Dudley in May, 1846. In that year a poorly built dam gave way owing to a freshet and, after working the plant until 1858, he began the reconstruction of the power, bringing the fall together by a large dam at the old 1812 building.

A forty-foot breast wheel with fifteen-foot buckets furnished the power until the present main building, two hundred and seven by seventy feet, with one wing one hundred and ten by forty feet, and another office wing eighty by twenty-four feet, the main building being five stories and attic, was built in 1862-65. The raceway was blasted through solid rock to the level of the French River, giving additional fall, and another breast wheel, twenty feet in diameter and with sixteen-foot buckets, was built under the new mill. But the business outgrew the waterpower, and at present a nominal 500-horsepower Cross-compound Allis engine, capable of generating 750 horsepower at good economy, supplies most of the power, the old waterpower only averaging about ninety from year to year.

The present company, the Stevens Linen Works, was organized in 1868, with David Nevins, president; Henry S. Shaw, treasurer, and Henry H. Stevens, agent. Mr. Nevins died in 1881, and Moses Stevens of North Andover, a younger brother of the founder, was elected president and continued in office until 1907, when he retired and was succeeded by his son, Nathaniel Stevens, of

North Andover, the present head of the concern. Henry S. Shaw, who was elected at the organization of the company as treasurer, died in June, 1923, after fifty-five years of service and was succeeded by William T. Dowling, of Boston, the present treasurer. In January, 1877, Henry H. Stevens retired from the concern and was succeeded in the position of agent by E. P. Morton, who had been his bookkeeper for eleven years. After being in the service of the company more than forty years, Mr. Morton retired in October, 1907, and was succeeded by John Morrison Crawford, whose death in May, 1929, terminated sixty-one years in the employ of this company. His successor was his son, H. Wadsworth Crawford, who is now resident agent.

In 1900 extensive enlargements of buildings were made, additional machinery was installed, and in 1913 a new mill, three hundred by seventy feet, for hackling and carding was built to replace the old 1812 mill, now used for the mechanical department. In 1927 more space was needed for an addition to the weaving and finishing departments, as the product at that time was gradually growing to made-up towels, and a building, one hundred and fifty-four by fifty-four feet, was erected. It is claimed for the plant that it is the largest in the United States making linen crash toweling and towels exclusively. It has a capacity of 20,000,000 yards per year and the goods made, it is affirmed, are standard for the country.

HAROLD L. GULICK—In business affairs in Worcester, Harold L. Gulick has figured prominently. Since 1917 he has been secretary and treasurer of the City Truck Company, of this city, which was organized in that year.

Mr. Gulick, though born in Brooklyn, New York, has spent most of his life in Worcester, to which city he came with his family to live at the age of thirteen years in 1891. The date of his birth was February 6, 1878; and his parents were Addison A. and Harriet L. (Clark) Gulick, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a native of Princeton, New Jersey, engaged for many years in the wholesale linen business; and the mother was born in Deep River, Connecticut.

His preliminary education Harold L. Gulick received in the public schools of Worcester. His first employment was with the Plunger Elevator Company, in the capacity of traffic manager, in which position he continued until the absorption of this organization by the Otis Elevator Company, whereupon Mr. Gulick became traffic manager of the newly organized Norton Grinding Company. He held that position until 1917, when the City Truck Company, Inc., of Worcester, was formed, and he became its secretary-treasurer. A detailed history of this company's remarkable development will be found on a preceding page.

In addition to his work in developing this great company, Mr. Gulick is active in civic and social affairs. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, his affiliations being with Quinsigamond Lodge, and all the bodies up to and including the Knights Templar, also all the bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the Consistory, in which he holds the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, the Economic Club, and the Chamber of Commerce, and a director of the Massachusetts Motor Truck Club. He is a Republican in his political views; and his church is Plymouth Congregational, of Worcester. His labors in Worcester business and civic life, both in the city and the county, have been very useful and have brought him the high esteem of his fellow-citizens.

Harold L. Gulick married, in January, 1899, Martha G. Fish; and they became the parents of one son, Willard C. Gulick, born in Worcester and educated in the public and high school and at Hebron Academy, Hebron, Maine, afterward studying at Colgate College, where he was graduated in 1926. He served during the World War in the United States Navy and attained the rank of chief gunner's mate in the Transport Service. He is now regional director of the International B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, with headquarters in Manila, Philippine Islands. He married Harriet Harlow Winch, of Framingham, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of one child, Peter Van Dyke Gulick, born February 15, 1930.

GUSTAF E. SAND—Among the successful industrial enterprises in Gardner is the Gardner Bassinet Corporation, whose president and general manager is Gustaf E. Sand. This concern was incorporated under its present title in 1927 as the successor of the American Bassinet Company. Mr. Sand, one of the organizers, was at first elected treasurer of the corporation and thus served for three years. In 1930 he was elected president, being also retained as general manager of plant. William Wicklund is now treasurer. The capital stock is $50,000. The concern has its factory at No. 61 Barthel Street, where it employs twenty-two hands in the manufacture of cribs, bassinets, wardrobes, chiffoniers, etc., these products being distributed in New York and New England.

Gustaf E. Sand was born in Finland, August 23, 1873, a son of Gustaf and Anna Sand. The father came to this country in 1880 and at first made his residence in Attleboro, Massachusetts. He was a sailor. In 1888 the family was assembled at Bartlett, New Hampshire and later removed to Gardner, where they have since lived. With the exception of three years, which he spent in New York with the Standard Oil Company, the son, Gustaf E., has been identified with the town of Gardner since coming to that town with his parents. He received no formal education in schools of America and was early compelled to seek his own livelihood. For twenty-two years he was employed by the Heywood Manufacturing Company in Gardner, having previously worked at other occupations. During this period of his experience he developed his gift as a general mechanic being enabled to turn his hand at a number of trades, at which he worked in several states as the representative of his employers. Since he entered the organization of the Gardner Bassinet Company, he has given his attention almost exclusively to the affairs of this business, which he has been instrumental in bringing to a high standing among industries of the town.

He is a member of the Klippan Society, Svea Society, and the Swedish Baptist Church, where he has officiated as organist for twenty years.

Mr. Sand married, in 1897, Ida Mynte, and they have a daughter, Alice, a stenographer with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New

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York City. Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sand died young. The family home is at No. 15 Main Street, Gardner.

NORMAN BOARDMAN READ—Never permitting business activities to dim his realization of his duties and privileges as a public-spirited citizen, Norman Boardman Read has contributed valuably to the betterment and progress of Worcester, and has been a leader in many of the movements and affairs which have gone to the development and reputation of the city. He was born at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, January 11, 1893, the son of Arthur W. and Mary Elizabeth (Boardman) Read, the former a native of Rhode Island, the latter of England.

Norman Boardman Read was graduated from the South High School of Worcester, coming to this city with his parents as a small child. When he started out to make a livelihood, he secured employment in the Arcade Malleable Iron Works in a clerical capacity. In 1916 he went to one of the citizens' training camps, and in April, 1917, enlisted in the United States Army for service, while the country was involved in the World War. He was assigned to the Signal Corps of the Aviation Service and was sent overseas with the rank of first lieutenant. He was stationed at Clermont Ferrand, France, during most of his military career and was there when the Armistice was signed. Not until February, 1919, was he mustered out of the army, and returned to Worcester and to civilian life.

In 1919, Mr. Read became connected with the Walden wrench manufactory, as factory office manager, remaining until 1923, when he resigned to establish his own business. He bought out the small establishment of the Worcester Blue and Photo Print Company and gradually enlarged his trade and increased his clients until he was serving many of the large industrial and similar concerns of Worcester, together with individuals and organizations. His specialties are blue prints and photostatic work, enjoying a very large business and clientele. His headquarters, with modern and exceedingly complete equipment, are at No. 311 Main Street, Worcester.

Mr. Read has a liking for social and civic activities, men and affairs. He is a member of the Republican City Committee and was elected treasurer in 1930 for four years. He was a member of the Worcester City Council, representing Ward No. 1, during 1928 and 1929, and was defeated for alderman in 1930. He was chairman of the tercentenary celebration of 1930, a remarkably successful event in the city and State. He was a member of the Committee on the George Washington Trail of 1932 and has been captain every year for many years on the Golden Rule Drive. A member of the Military Order of the World War, he was marshal of the Joffre funeral parade when the French hero died in France. Fraternally he is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the American Legion and the Kiwanis Club.

On April 9, 1919, Norman Boardman Read married Dorothy Wing Prentice of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Robert Prentice, born June 25, 1920. 2. Betty, born November 16, 1925.

FRANK CHESTER HARRINGTON—From a mechanical industry, Frank C. Harrington, of Worcester, entered a mercantile establishment, later graduating into the insurance profession, of which he is one of the well-known representatives in the State. He is also a prominent fraternity member and clubman.

Frank Chester Harrington was born in Worcester, February 6, 1876, a son of Francis Alfred and Roxanna M. (Grout) Harrington, both parents natives of Massachusetts, his father the first to fill the office of president of the Massachusetts Protective Association. Frank Chester Harrington prepared for college in the public schools of this city and pursued his higher studies at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was graduated in the class of 1898. After leaving the institute he engaged for a time in the manufacture of specially designed machinery. Then the wholesale plumbing supply business attracted him, and with this he was identified for several years.

His connection with the Massachusetts Protective Association was first in the capacity of claims representative. He was advanced to secretary and later to treasurer of the organization, which last-named office he has since filled. On the formation of the Massachusetts Protective Life Insurance Company and the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company, all Worcester companies, he was made treasurer of these also and has since held these offices. He is a director of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company and other corporations. Deeply interested in the work of the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association, he serves as a director of that body. He is a thirty-third degree Mason. His other Masonic affiliations include Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, of which he is a Past Commander; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; and Worcester Lodge of Perfection. He is a trustee of the Knights Templar Education Foundation and is very active in carrying out its purposes, which comprehend the assisting of students in completing their education. In the beginning of the Worcester Country Club's life he took a keen interest in laying out the grounds and was a member of the original board that had charge of this enterprise. He is still a member of this club and also belongs to the Worcester Club, Bass River Golf Club, and Shelter Harbor Country Club. Extremely fond of outdoor sports, he may be said to have made a hobby of golf.

Mr. Harrington married, April 25, 1900, Leora Leighton, of Worcester, and their children are: 1. Frank Leighton, born January 17, 1902. 2. Robert Dudley, born October 17, 1903. 3. Lilla Leighton, born November 4, 1904; married Joseph C Molder, of Columbus, Georgia. 4. Anna, born March 6, 1906; married Frederick W. Mosher, of Belmont. The Harrington family residence is at No. 12 Monadnock Road, Worcester, and their summer home is at Bass River, this State.

WALTER ROSE—A resident of Worcester for more than half a century, Walter Rose has witnessed the development of the city and its representative institutions. As an employee and

official of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway he contributed his share to the growth of an important community enterprise, and today, as superintendent of the State Mutual Building, he continues to be active in Worcester life.

Mr. Rose was born at Beverly, New Jersey, on October 3, 1874, a son of Robert I. and Elizabeth (Garwood) Rose, the former born in Rockland County, New York, and the latter in New Jersey. Robert I. Rose was a machinist by occupation and a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served with Company I, 121st Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. For a time he was Commander of Oxford Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1880 the family came to Worcester, taking up its residence on Stafford Street, Webster Square. Walter Rose received his education in the public schools of Worcester and as a boy worked in the Case Wrench Shop after school hours and in vacation periods, learning the machinist's trade. Subsequently he was employed for one year with the Harrington, Richardson Arms Company, and in 1891 became connected with the Worcester Consolidated Street Railways, with whom he remained for twenty-seven years. He began as a horse car driver over the tracks of the railroad through city streets. Later he became motorman for the company and still later was promoted to inspector. Finally he became acting superintendent of the Blackstone Street Railway Company, a responsible office which he filled successfully for the remainder of his term in the company's service. This period covered the inauguration of electric traction service and of many other improvements in transportation. Mr. Rose was a pioneer in the street railway field and was thoroughly familiar with all its developments.

On February 1, 1917, he retired from the work to which he had given so many years and at that time became superintendent of the State Mutual Building at No. 340 Main Street, Worcester. He has continued to serve in that position, building up and supervising the efficient organization which keeps the building operating smoothly and meets all tenants' needs.

Apart from his business connections, Mr. Rose has many other interests in Worcester life. He is prominent in the Masonic Order, being a member of Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of various higher bodies, including Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Boston. Mr. Rose is also a member of the Tatnuck Community Club and of Tatnuck Congregational Church. He has always been very fond of horses and continues that interest today.

On July 30, 1907, Walter Rose married Mary Ann MacInnes. They maintain their residence in Worcester at No. 78 Beaconsfield Road.

DAVID GESSNER—Throughout the industrial world, wherever textile machinery is being used, the name of Gessner is well known and honored. Several generations of Gessner cloth manufacturers preceded the family shift from the manufacture of woolen cloth to the manufacture of textile machinery, which was achieved by Ernst Gessner, founder of the great Gessner Works at Aue, Saxony.

As founder and president of the David Gessner Works at Worcester, David Gessner, youngest son of Ernst Gessner, has become almost as well known as his famous father.

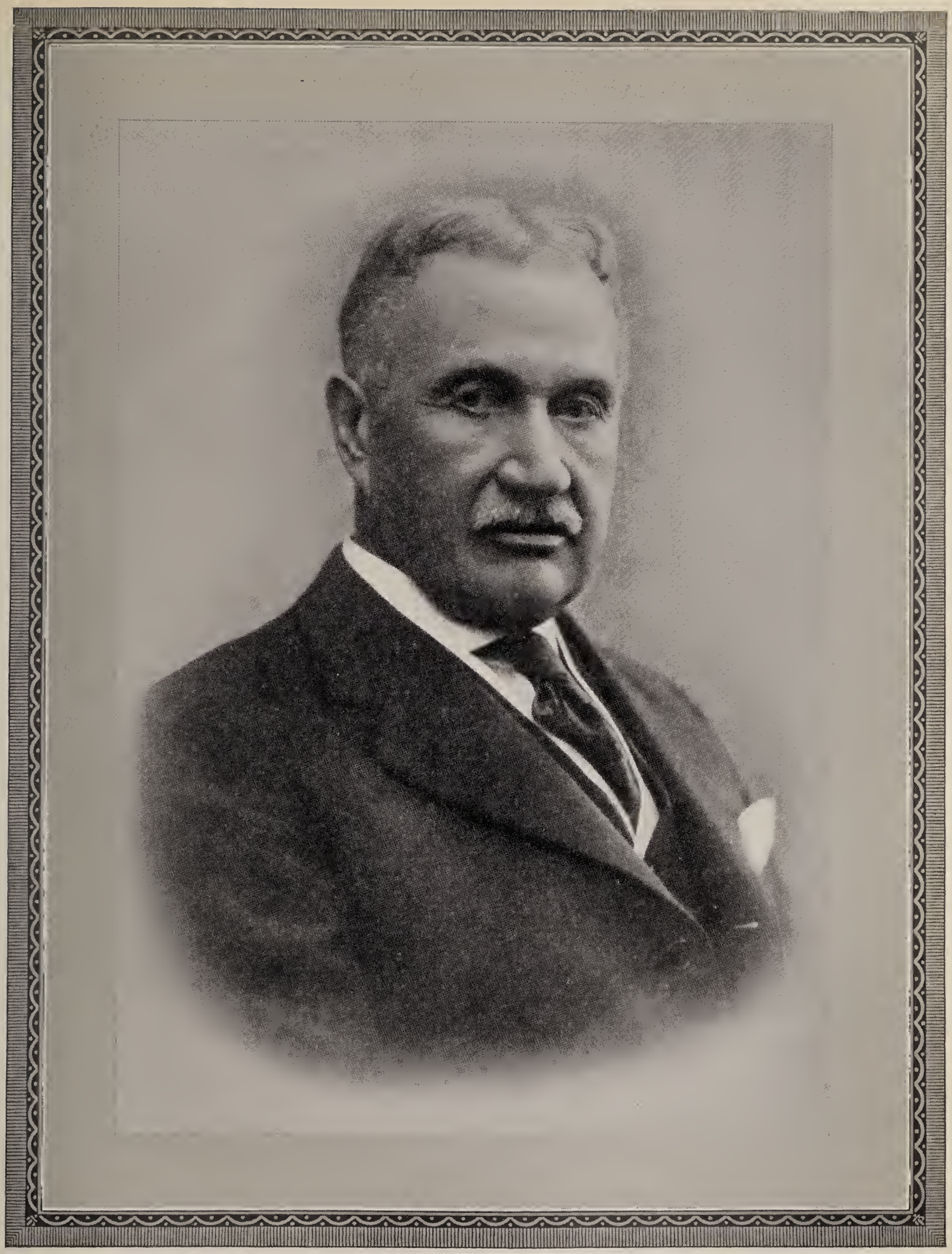
He was born in Saxony, Germany, February 14, 1859, son of Ernst and Marie (Lauckner) Gessner, during the period when his already famous father was using his utmost energy and genius in the double task of manufacturing cloth at Aue, Saxony, and at the same time inventing and installing new and improved machinery there. While the father went on with the transformation of his woolen mill into an experimental station for his new and improved machinery, the son attended the local schools and then completed a course in the Gymnasium of the nearby town of Schneeberg, Saxony, which corresponds to our academy, and was next transferred from one department of his father's plant to another until he had obtained a pretty fair knowledge of the trade before coming, in the spring of 1876, to this country, where, to complete his technical education, he entered the employ of various shops here, among them that of George Crompton, leading manufacturer of looms.

Within a few years he began the introduction of some of his father's new machinery into our New England mills, selling, erecting and running these for the purchasers, having them built by Curtis and Marble of this city. Later on, having inherited his father's inventive ability, he began to make machines of his own construction, which soon found a ready market.

He then rented a shop in the Merryfield Building on Union Street and engaged in business for himself as a manufacturer of textile machinery. Though there were difficulties to be overcome, he set about his task with characteristic energy and in due time the superiority of his machines became apparent.

Would-be purchasers sought the young inventor and manufacturer, and as the years passed, the business steadily grew. By 1907 the enterprise had developed to proportions requiring a larger plant and provision for still further growth. With an expanding future in mind, Mr. Gessner selected the site on Fremont Street, which the present factory occupies, drawing his own plans for the building, which was completed in 1907.

Several years later, during the great European War, a company for the manufacture of cloth finishing machinery was incorporated under the name of David Gessner Company, with David Gessner as president. Since that time it has continued its steady growth and extended its field of supply throughout the United States and Canada as well as some foreign countries, wherever textile machinery is in demand. Like his famous father on the other side of the Atlantic, Mr. Gessner has given his life to the development of better textile machinery. Both men began inventing and manufacturing a general line of improved cloth finishing machinery, and both eventually chose a limited number of their own inventions and specialized in those lines. Many of the most important machines now used in cloth-finishing operations are Gessner machines or are based on them—inventions of Ernst Gessner and David Gessner—napping machines, gigs, rotary presses, brushes, dryers, decating machines, vacuum extractors, scutches, crabs, and entire sponging outfits, etc.



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In earlier years Mr. Gessner was a member of several clubs, but during recent years he has devoted all his time to his business and his family.

David Gessner married (first) Lavaunt Andrews of Albion, Maine. She died in 1902, and he married (second) Gertrude C. Gunther. To the second marriage one son was born, December 15, 1906, David Gessner, Jr., who received his education in the schools of Worcester and in the technical schools of Philadelphia and of Europe and who is now associated with his father in the David Gessner Works at Worcester.

JOHN E. HICKEY—In the more than twenty-five years that John E. Hickey has been serving as town clerk of the town of Webster, he has seen the volume of business passing through the office increase many fold. Improvements have been installed, modern methods adopted and the facilities for handling the work brought up to date. He has made this department of the municipal government one of the most important and smoothly functioning of the local divisions ministering to the requirements of the public. In the general community life of the town and its affairs he occupies a place of leadership by common consent.

Mr. Hickey's father and mother, Edward and Mary (Dugan) Hickey, came with their respective parents from their native Ireland in a sailing vesesl. They settled in Webster about the year 1847. Edward Hickey, who was a carpenter by trade, died at the age of thirty-four years; his wife died when she was fifty-seven.

John E. Hickey, son of Edward and Mary (Dugan) Hickey, was born in Webster, August 18, 1869, and attended the public schools until he was fourteen years of age, completing his education with a course in the evening high school. In the tender years of early youth he started to earn his own livelihood, learning the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for twelve years in the employ of one concern and for twelve additional years in the service of another company. For three years of this total time of twenty-four years that he was rated as a journeyman, he served as agent of local boot and shoe workers' unions. His employment was with B. A. Corbin and Son Company and A. J. Bates and Company, shoe manufacturers, and his work for their respective interests was helpful to their success and to the shoe industry generally.

When he attained his majority, he formally aligned himself with the Democratic party and to it he has since given his staunch allegiance. He first came before the public in a political way in 1907, when he offered himself as a candidate for the office of town clerk. He was defeated by the narrow margin of sixteen votes. The following year, 1908, he repeated the attempt and this time he was successful, winning the election by a plurality of seventy-five votes. Since that year he has had no opposition and each succeeding year has been reëlected to the office. He also served as clerk of the board of selectmen for this entire period until April, 1932, when he resigned this position. With his duties of town clerk he discharges those of clerk of the board of registrars. He is the first to hold the place of municipal accountant of Webster, which he has filled since 1916 when the town voted to adopt the municipal accounting system. In 1930 he was elected president of the Town Clerks Association of Massachusetts for a term of two years. In his own office he has a staff of two clerks, whose work is facilitated with the most approved equipment and appliances.

Mr. Hickey is a director of the Webster National Bank. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Knights of Columbus.

ARCHIE L. KLEVEN—Active in the shoe business in Spencer, Archie L. Kleven is widely known in Worcester County and the surrounding region of this Commonwealth. The business of which he is president and treasurer is known as the Kleven Shoe Company and was established in April, 1924, under its present name, with Mr. Kleven as its head, and Max Weinstock as secretary. Its products are sold to chain stores and jobbers; and the enterprise is devoted to the manufacture of women's novelty shoes. The company employs about 1,000 people; and the Spencer community is, indeed, fortunate in having such an organization within its thriving limits. To Mr. Kleven himself must go much of the credit for building up this great enterprise.

He was born on August 15, 1892, in Franklin, Massachusetts, and was educated in the public schools of Lynn. He early began learning the shoe business with the G. W. Herrick Shoe Company, of Lynn, with whom he was associated for about fourteen years. Before advancing to a managerial capacity, he was employed in the factory. So it was that he acquired a knowledge of the whole of the industry with which he was to perform such a valuable work. In 1922 he became associated with the Harris Shoe Company; and two years later, in 1924, he purchased the machinery and the corporation of the H. L. Harris Shoe Company, which name he changed to the Kleven Shoe Company. They occupy the factory of the old Isaac Prouty Company, a large building which little by little has been taken over by the Kleven company. Mr. Kleven gives his entire attention to his manufacturing business, though he is also a large stockholder in the Shu-Stiles, Inc., of St. Louis, Missouri, a great distributing center for shoe jobbers and wholesalers. The business world is much the richer for Mr. Kleven's whole-hearted participation in its affairs; and he enjoys the hearty esteem and respect of his fellow-citizens for the work that he has performed and for his efforts in behalf of them and their institutions.

Archie L. Kleven married, in October, 1915, Pauline Weinstock, of Boston, Massachusetts. By this marriage there has been born one child, a daughter, Evelyn Gladys.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GARDNER—Throughout its existence of nearly threescore years and ten, the First National Bank of Gardner has fostered the growth of enterprises of this and surrounding communities, where its loans have been concentrated. The institution is conducted as a strictly mercantile bank, and at all times has followed the policy of advancing credits to local industries and individuals upon sound banking principles.

The First National Bank of Gardner began its career in March, 1865, with a capital of $100,000, in response to an insistent demand for a banking institution in the community. Its first location was

in the City Hall Building, where now are the janitor's quarters, the section of the town at that time being known as Gardner Center, where most of the mercantile business of the community was concentrated. In 1869, a permanent banking house was constructed, this being the building now occupied by the G. R. Godfrey Company. This was the bank's quarters until 1891, when the institution moved to the Gardner Syndicate Building. In the meantime the growing business in West Gardner necessitated greater accommodations in this district, which resulted in the establishment of the West Gardner Banking Company, a voluntary association of the directors of the First National Bank. The two banks continued business in this manner until 1909, when the West Gardner Banking Company was taken over by the First National Bank, which moved to the present Gardner Savings Bank building, remaining there until the growth of the bank required larger quarters. Definite plans were formulated during the early part of 1923 for the erection of a modern and permanent home in the heart of the business district, to be a model of its kind and the most up-to-date in this section of the county. The present large and beautiful structure faithfully exemplifies these carefully laid plans. In 1875 the capital was increased to $150,000, and on April 9, 1930, it was still further increased, this time to $200,000.

The first officers of the First National were: President, Amasa Bancroft, who served until 1872; vice-president, Levi Heywood; cashier, John D. Edgell. Succeeding presidents and their terms of office follow: Charles Heywood, 1872-82; John D. Edgell, 1882-1904; Volney W. Howe, 1904-10; L. E. Carleton, 1910-12; Amasa B. Bryant, 1912-30; Enos R. Bishop, 1930-. John D. Edgell served as cashier from 1865 to 1882, in which year he was elected president. He was succeeded in the office of cashier by the following: Volney W. Howe, 1882-1904; Amasa B. Bryant, 1904-12; J. Myron Moore, 1912-13; Frederick S. Pope, 1913-1918; Marcus N. Wright, 1919—. The present (1933) board of officers, in addition to Mr. Bishop, president, and Mr. Wright, cashier, is composed of C. Leslie Bent, Charles C. Brooks, and George A. Keyworth, vice-presidents; Clifford W. Shippee and Madaline P. Black, assistant cashiers. The directors are: C. Leslie Bent, Enos R. Bishop, Charles C. Brooks, A. Werner Carlson, Paul L. Cody, Bernard L. Cohen, Harold E. Drake, Richard N. Greenwood, Seth Heywood, Owen A. Hoban, George A. Keyworth, William D. Miller, Patrick H. Murray, George E. O'Hearn, Chester P. Pearson, Charles F. Richardson, Donald W. Siebert, Roger R. Smith, Carl B. Stuart, Francis S. Whittjemore, and Marcus N. Wright.

The first loan by the First National Bank was to the town of Gardner for $1,500 at the rate of 7.3 per cent. On May 22, 1865, the deposits amounted to $12,519.04. As of September 30, 1932, the total loans and securities amounted to $3,266,052.76, while the total of deposits, including certified cashier's checks and Federal Reserve Bank deferred credit amounted to $3,470,001.33. On that date also the totals of resources and liabilities balanced at $3,991,202.19.

MARCUS N. WRIGHT, cashier of the First National Bank of Gardner, is a member of a family which is very ancient in England and has been established in the United States for a number of generations. The first of the name in this town was Joseph Wright, who settled in Gardner prior to 1785. Marcus N. Wright's great-grandfather, Nathaniel Wright, was a resident of Gardner. His son, Marcus Wright, married Maria Bent. He was prominent in business and town affairs in South Gardner, owned and operated a sawmill, and conducted an extensive business for those times. His son, Lewis A. Wright, married Edith G. Newell. He died in 1927 at the age of sixty-six years. He continued to operate the sawmill, which had been in the family for three generations, afterwards becoming lumber buyer for the Heywood Brothers and Wakefield Company, of Gardner, one of the largest chair manufacturers in the world. He was active in town affairs and served on the finance committee, also filling other positions from time to time. He was clerk of the Unitarian Society.

Marcus Newell Wright, son of Lewis A. and Edith G. (Newell) Wright, was born in Gardner, June 26, 1889, and was graduated from high school in this town in the class of 1907. For a year after leaving school he was employed in the city of Worcester and in 1909, on his return to Gardner, accepted a position as bookkeeper at the First National Bank. He was advanced on his merits, as he made a close study of every detail of banking to which he was assigned. In 1913 he was promoted to assistant cashier and in 1919, while he was still in service in the World War, he was elected cashier, assuming the duties of the office upon his return to civil life. He has the confidence of the public and his associates in the bank, as well as of the representatives of the business community.

For service in the World War, Mr. Wright enlisted in the United States Army, September 21, 1917. He was assigned to the Depot Brigade and was transferred to the finance division of the surgeon-general's office at Washington, District of Columbia, where he was stationed for five months, and during that time he was advanced to sergeant in the Medical Corps. He was later appointed chief clerk of the Medical Supply Depot at Camp Devens, Ayer, Massachusetts, where he was promoted to sergeant, first class, and then was made hospital sergeant. On September 5, 1917, he was commissioned second lieutenant and assigned to duty at the recruiting camp at Syracuse, New York, where he remained until November 20, 1918, when he was transferred to the Medical Supply Depot at New York City, where he was on duty until honorably discharged, December 24, 1918, with his rank of second lieutenant. He is a member of Gardner Post, No. 129, American Legion. Besides his office as cashier the First National Bank, of which he is also a director, he holds the offices of treasurer of the Gardner Hotel Company, treasurer of the Levi Heywood Memorial Library Association, clerk of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Cashiers Association of Massachusetts.

He is affiliated with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a Past High Priest; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 46, Knights Templar, of which he is treasurer and a Past Commander; and is a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District. He is a member of

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the Oak Hill Country Club, vice-president of the Gardner Boat Club, and a member of the Chair City Club and Monomonock Club. His religious connection is with the First Unitarian Church in Gardner.

Marcus Newell Wright married, October 4, 1913, Mary L. Harriman, daughter of Alvin B. and Etta (Mitchell) Harriman, of Cambridge. Mrs. Wright is a Girl Scout commissioner and active in the organization, vice-regent of her chapter in the Daughters of the American Revolution, and chairman of the district nurse committee of the American Red Cross Society. The Wright residence is at No. 249 High Street, Gardner.

ENOS R. BISHOP, president of the First National Bank of Gardner, was born in Lisbon, New Hampshire, October 9, 1884, the son of George H. and Ella (Streeter) Bishop. He was graduated from Lisbon High School in 1902 and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws on graduation at the Northeastern College in the class of 1916. For two years he served in the United States Sub-Treasury at Boston, and for the ensuing six and one-half years completed an appointment as deputy collector of internal revenue for the United States in the district composed of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Mr. Bishop began his banking career, strictly speaking, on graduation from the law school, when he became associated with the Federal Reserve Bank at Boston. He was connected with this institution for eleven years in a semi-official capacity as manager of the securities department. He next was assigned to travel in the six New England states as a confidential representative of the Federal Reserve Bank. In 1930 he was elected president of the First National Bank of Gardner. He came to this town to live in February, 1931; a man of pleasing personality and engaging qualities, he has made many friends since taking up his executive duties.

He is affiliated with the American Institute of banking, a director of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and a member of Fidelity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Melrose; the Chair City Club, Gardner Boat Club, and Congregational Church.

Enos R. Bishop married, December 17, 1906, Ethel Bailey, of Lisbon, New Hampshire, and they have a daughter, Charlotte. The family home is at No. 20 Cross Street, Gardner.

RALPH K. HUBBARD—The textile industry and financial profession as expounded by their leaders in this county have received additional impetus through the efforts of Ralph K. Hubbard, president of the Packard Mills, Inc., of Dudley, and president of the Five Cents Savings Bank, of Webster. Mr. Hubbard is a product of Massachusetts educational institutions and had long training in the woolen manufacturing trade before assuming his present offices.

Mr. Hubbard's father, Ezra L. Hubbard, was a native of New Hampshire and for many years conducted a general carriage business at Norwood, Massachusetts. He married Eva M. King.

Ralph K. Hubbard was born in Norwood, May 5, 1891, and received his early education in the public schools, including graduation at the Norwood High School in the class of 1908. He finished a course at the Lowell Textile Institute, graduating in 1911. From the institute he went to the American Felt Company, with which he was associated for a short time. His next connection was with the Squam Lake Woolen Company in the capacity of superintendent, which position he filled for three years. He later transferred to L. W. Packard and Company, woolen mills, at Ashland, New Hampshire, where he was superintendent of the plant.

In 1921 Mr. Hubbard came from Ashland to Webster and was installed as treasurer of the Packard Mills, Inc. He was elected president of this corporation in 1929, this being the office he has since held. The Packard Mills manufacture material for women's wear, principally cloakings, and give employment to about one hundred and fifty people. The plant and offices in Dudley are among the finest and most complete in the textile trade in that community. In May, 1932, Mr. Hubbard was elected president of the Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, having been chosen vice-president in 1931.

In public affairs, particularly those relating to the cause of education, he is active and coöperates with the townspeople. He was chairman of the school board of Dudley four years and president of the Webster District Hospital. One of the most highly placed Free Masons in this section of the State, he has advanced into the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and is also affiliated with the Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; and Bektash Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Concord, New Hampshire. He is a member of Webster Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Prominent in club life, he is a member and past president of the Webster Rotary Club and a member of the Vesper Country Club, of Lowell, and the Webster Golf Club. His principal recreation is taken on the links.

Mr. Hubbard married, September 10, 1913, Gladys B. Healy, of Lowell, and their children are: Dorothy E., Harriett B. and Edwin L. Mr. Hubbard and his family have their residence in Webster, where he built a fine new home in 1932.

REGINALD STEVENS KIMBALL—In the Brookfield vicinity of Worcester County, Reginald Stevens Kimball has figured prominently in educational affairs. He is now head of the Brookfields Superintendency Union No. 10, and his place in the life of this region is one of leadership and very high standing.

Mr. Kimball was born in Newport, Rhode Island, on June 21, 1899, son of Frank G. and Harriet (Patterson) Kimball, both natives of Rhode Island. The father was employed for more than forty years as a shoe clerk in Newport, Rhode Island, and was a member of the T. Mumford Seabury Company until his death on December 13, 1932. He was widely known in Newport, where his wife today makes her home. It was in the public schools of Newport, his birthplace, that Reginald Stevens Kimball received his early education; and in 1916 he was graduated from Royers High School, that city. Proceeding next to Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, he was graduated from that institution in 1921, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

A year later, in 1922, he took the Master of Arts degree.

Turning to teaching as his life's work, he became an instructor in Hope High School, Providence, there continuing for one year. From 1922 to 1925 he was instructor in advanced mathematics and history at the Worcester Normal School, becoming, in 1924, head of the history department of that institution. Through the entire three years, he acted as administration assistant. In the summer of 1925 he taught at the North Adams School. In the autumn of the same year he was made director of the Citizenship Training Association and was given headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, there remaining until 1928.

His next step was to widen his academic learning. With this purpose in mind, he returned to the university, going this time to Harvard and taking up graduate studies. In 1929 he received his degree of Master of Education. In the following year, 1930, he studied at both Harvard and Boston universities. He was appointed in that same year to his present position as head of the Brookfields Superintendency Union No. 10, having been so named by the boards of the school committee of East and North Brookfield. He now has under his supervision eight schools, having a total of thirty-one teachers and about eight hundred and fifty students.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Kimball manages to take part in general educational affairs, chiefly through his affiliations with different groups and societies. He is a member of the Worcester County Teachers' Association, the Worcester County Superintendents' Association, and the New England School Superintendents' Association. He also belongs to the Massachusetts Schoolmasters' Club, the National Education Association, the National Council of Social Studies, the American Sociological Society, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Mathematical Society, and the Visual Instruction Association. Into each of these groups he has regularly put his finest energies, with the result that he is widely known and esteemed by his contemporaries. He is likewise active in fraternal and social affairs, being affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. His Masonic membership is in St. Paul's Lodge No. 14, in Rhode Island. He is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Reginald Stevens Kimball married, on December 28, 1925, Helen F. Easton, of Newport, Rhode Island. To this marriage there were born four children: 1. Helen Frances, born September 11, 1927. 2. Arthur Frank, born November 6, 1928. 3. Starelle Easton, born March 11, 1931. 4. Chase Patterson, born July 21, 1932.

DR. LEONARD WHEELER was engaged in general medical practice in Worcester for forty years, until he retired in 1912.

Abel Wheeler, father of Dr. Wheeler, was born in Lincoln, Massachusetts, in 1790, descendant of the pioneer ancestor, Thomas Wheeler, born in England in 1630, who came to this country and settled in that part of Concord which later was set off and incorporated as Lincoln. Thomas Wheeler was a sergeant in the militia, a farmer and a leading citizen, and his great-grandson, Edmund Wheeler, of the fourth generation in Abel Wheeler's paternal line, was a sergeant in the Revolutionary War. Abel Wheeler also traced his descent from several others of the original settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, including the Stearns family and the Monroes of Lexington. In early life Abel Wheeler was engaged in teaching in Norfolk, Virginia; in White Plains, New York; and in Boston. Later, he went West for a time and then returned and settled in his home town, Lincoln, where from 1838 to the time of his death he was engaged in farming. He took an interest in local public affairs and was one of the founders of the Unitarian Church of Lincoln and also one of the active workers for the establishment of the high school, serving as a member of the school committee for many years. In politics he was in early years a Whig and later a Republican. Abel Wheeler married Charlotte Bemis, who died at the age of ninety-one years, daughter of Deacon Amos Bemis, a descendant of Joseph Bemis, born in England in 1619, died August 7, 1684, an early settler of Watertown, Massachusetts, in which community he served as selectman in 1648, 1672, and 1673. Abel and Charlotte (Bemis) Wheeler became the parents of six children, of whom two are still living: Dr. Leonard Wheeler, of further mention; and Charlotte, who makes her home in Lincoln.

Dr. Leonard Wheeler was born in Lincoln, Massachusetts, August 31, 1845, and received his earliest school training in the public schools of his native town. In 1860, at the age of fifteen, he began his college preparatory course at Phillips Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, where he spent his freshman year. In 1863 he entered Harvard as a sophomore and three years later, in 1866, was graduated, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered Harvard Medical School, from which, after serving an interneship of one year in Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1870. Wishing to make his preparation for professional practice as complete as possible, he went abroad for two years, studying in Vienna and in Breslau from 1870 to 1872. In July, 1872, he came to Worcester as superintendent of the City Hospital, which had just been organized and at that time contained eight beds, and served in that capacity until 1874, when he engaged in general practice in Worcester. He did not, however, entirely sever his connection with the City Hospital, which now provides accommodation for more than 1,500 patients. Dr. Wheeler built up a large and important practice and for four decades ministered ably to the needs of his large clientele, retiring in 1912. In addition to his general practice and his work in the City Hospital, he also served as surgeon at the Memorial Hospital from 1888 to 1900; as consulting physician at St. Vincent's Hospital in 1894; and as trustee of Massachusetts State Hospital at Foxborough in 1905. He is a member of the Worcester County District Medical Society, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of several non-professional organizations, including the American Antiquarian Society; the Worcester Art Museum, of which he was one of the incorporators; the St. Wulstan Society; the Harvard clubs of Worcester and Boston; the Worcester Club; and the Worcester Fire Society, which last formed the nucleus of the present Worcester Fire Department. It was part of the old "hand

department" and one company was known as the Wheeler Engine Company. Throughout his life Dr. Wheeler has been a close and discriminating student, and the results of many of his researches have, from time to time, been reported in the medical journals. Politically he supports the Republican party. His religious affiliation is with the Unitarian Church.

Dr. Leonard Wheeler married, at Worcester, November 21, 1897, Elizabeth Bancroft Cheever, daughter of the Rev. Henry Theodore and Jane (Tyler) Cheever. Her father was pastor of parishes in New York City, Jewett City, Connecticut, and in Worcester, and she received her early education in the schools of those cities and then entered Smith College, from which she was graduated in 1885. Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler have four children: 1. Bancroft Cheever, born June 6, 1899, graduated from Harvard in 1920, and is now engaged in medical practice in Worcester. He married Mary Richmond, and they have one child. 2. Leonard, Jr., born July 20, 1901, is an attorney in the Boston firm of Goodwin, Procter and Hoar. 3. Eunice, born September 25, 1903, a graduate of Smith College. 4. Nathaniel, born June 20, 1906, graduated from Harvard College and business college, is now employed in the Worcester County National Bank. Since his marriage Dr. Wheeler has made his home at No. 12 Chestnut Street.

GEORGE WASHINGTON COOK—For sixty years, George Washington Cook has occupied a position of prominence in the life of Barre. He has been a leading business man during all this period and through his many services in the public interest has contributed much to the welfare and progress of the community.

Mr. Cook was born in Petersham, Massachusetts, on March 22, 1853, a son of Ellis and Mary M. (Loring) Cook and a member of an old American family. His first ancestor in the colonies was Major Aaron Cook, born in England in 1610, who came to Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1630. Later he resided in Windsor, Connecticut, and in Hadley, Westfield and Northampton, Massachusetts, where he died on September 5, 1690. His son, Captain Aaron Cook, and Sarah Westwood, were the first persons to be married in Hadley. His grandson, the Rev. William Cook, was a graduate of Harvard College and for more than forty years was a minister at Sudbury. Captain Samuel Cook, in the fifth American generation of his family and the grandfather of George Washington Cook, of this record, was born on February 18, 1753. He married Lydia Parmenter of Westminster, Massachusetts, and they became the parents of ten children: William, Samuel, Mary, Sarah, Jane, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Sewell, Catharine, and Ellis. Captain Samuel Cook spent his early life in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Clinton, New York. After the outbreak of the Revolution he enlisted from Worcester in the patriot cause, serving in Captain Samuel Bigelow's company. Thus George W. Cook enjoys the distinction of being one of the few living grandsons of a Revolutionary soldier. Captain Cook's sister married Nathaniel MacCarty, a successful and widely known merchant of Petersham, who accumulated a large fortune for those days and built the old Colonial dwelling on South Main Street, which became a Petersham landmark. For many years Captain Samuel Cook resided on a farm in the southerly part of Petersham, which later passed in succession to his son, Nathaniel.

Here Ellis Cook, father of George Washington Cook, was born on May 27, 1819. He was educated in the public schools and at Petersham and Leicester academies, and on August 24, 1844, married Mary M. Loring of Petersham, daughter of Artemas and Mercy (Sears) Loring, who were formerly of Greenwich. Ellis and Mary M. (Loring) Cook became the parents of three children: 1. Sarah J., born November 24, 1846. 2. Samuel F., born March 9, 1849, died in Brooklyn, New York, on August 4, 1891. He was a dentist at Barre and in Brooklyn, New York. 3. George Washington, of whom further. Ellis Cook died at Petersham on June 12, 1871, and his wife at Barre, August 4, 1910.

George Washington Cook received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace and subsequently attended Highland Institute in Petersham. He prepared for college, but the death of his father in 1871 made it necessary for him to change his plans and in the following year he began the active business of life, entering the employ of Wetherill and Mudge, general merchants of Petersham. On March 3, 1874, he took up his residence in Barre, where his activities have since centered.

On coming to Barre, Mr. Cook obtained a position with the local merchants, Follansby and Dearborn, and in 1880, in association with C. H. Follansby, he purchased this business, carrying it on successfully under the firm name of Follansby and Cook until 1889. At that time his health failed and it became necessary for him to seek other employment. Meanwhile he had married and in 1891, with his father-in-law, James F. Davis, he formed a general insurance agency under the firm name of Davis and Cook. This enterprise had previously been carried on for a quarter of a century by Mr. Davis alone. Under the new management the business was largely increased and with the death of the elder partner, in 1903, Mr. Cook assumed entire control, continuing, however, to employ the old firm name.

Mr. Cook has had many other local interests, the development of which has been of great benefit to the community. In 1894, with others, he formed the Barre Water Company, raising the necessary funds for construction of the works, which were completed and used for the first time on October 25, 1895. This undertaking was carried through against the strongest opposition of a large majority of Barre's best citizens, who were confident it would prove a failure not only as a source of water supply but financially. In the following summer, however, there was a fire which threatened to destroy a large portion of the village. This occurrence settled unmistakably the question of the value of the water system as a protection against fire, while in later years the domestic convenience of a continued supply of excellent water won over all opposition. In 1906, after the company had proved a paying investment, the town, by unanimous vote, decided to acquire the property on terms which provided for eventual public ownership free of cost to taxpayers. Mr. Cook has held the office of water commissioner and superintendent since its construction, and without his persistent efforts it is doubtful, if the town today would enjoy so fine a water system.

For many years Mr. Cook has been a trustee of the Barre Savings Bank and is now serving as vice-president of this institution and as a member of its board of investment. During all these years he has continued in a very successful way the general insurance business with which his name has been connected for more than four decades. He is a director and member of the executive committee of the Merchants and Farmers Trust Company of Worcester. For thirty years he has been a justice of the peace and for an even longer period he has been one of the public administrators of Worcester County, doing an extensive probate business and settling many complicated estates. Mr. Cook has served as assessor of the town, is a trustee of the Barre Library Association and a member of its finance committee. In 1889 he was elected special county commissioner for the county of Worcester, was chosen county commissioner in 1892 and in that office gave to the county the longest continuous service since the establishment of the board of county commissioners. During the past six years he has been purchasing agent for the Metropolitan Water Supply Commission, spending more than $4,000,000 for the purchase of property for the State.

Mr. Cook was chairman of the building committee of Barre's beautiful high school and grammar school building. He took an active part in the construction and furnishing of the new Courthouse and was prominent in effecting the extensive changes and additions made to various public buildings, including the Jail, the House of Correction, the Training School at Oakdale and also important improvements in the Courthouse and House of Correction buildings in Fitchburg.

On March 13, 1878, George Washington Cook married Mary Louisa Davis of Barre, daughter of James F. and Lydia (Holden) Davis. In 1896 he purchased the property near Barre Center known as Barre Falls, one of the most interesting and picturesque places in this section of the State. Here he has planted many thousand trees and shrubs of different varieties, setting out 125,000 evergreen and nut trees on forty acres, built dams and constructed roads. This property is now known as Cook's Canyon. Mr. Cook has always allowed the public access to its beauties, and for years it has been one of the chief points of scenic interest in New England.

In religious faith Mr. Cook is a Unitarian. He has always been a liberal contributor to church and charitable enterprises and has proved himself a generous friend to those in need. While it is difficult to single out for special emphasis some few of the many services he has rendered his community, he, perhaps, derives the most satisfaction from his development of Cook's Canyon, from his establishment of the Barre water works and from the part he played in the building of the new Worcester County Courthouse and in the rebuilding of the county jails and other public buildings. These completed tasks stand as monuments to his civic pride and enlightened public spirit.

JOSIAH MANNING LASELL—President of the Whitinsville National Bank, Josiah M. Lasell has been the executive head of this strong, modern institution for twenty years. He is also a director of the Whitin Machine Works, the great corporation which is the industrial backbone of the community. In township affairs he has served in a number of offices and is known as one of Whitinsville's most substantial citizens.

Josiah Lasell, father of the banker, was born in Schoharie, New York, and came of stock that originated in England. After graduation at Williams College he taught school for a time and after removal to Whitinsville became a manufacturer. He was prominent in local affairs and was elected to the board of selectmen and the school committee. He married Jane Whitin, who was born in Whitinsville.

Josiah Manning Lasell, son of Josiah and Jane (Whitin) Lasell, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, September 15, 1863, and prepared for college at Phillips Andover Academy, where he was graduated in 1882. He was graduated from Williams College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1886. His business career began in association with the Whitin Machine Works and he soon was elected to the board of directors. For a number of years he served the corporation as its clerk.

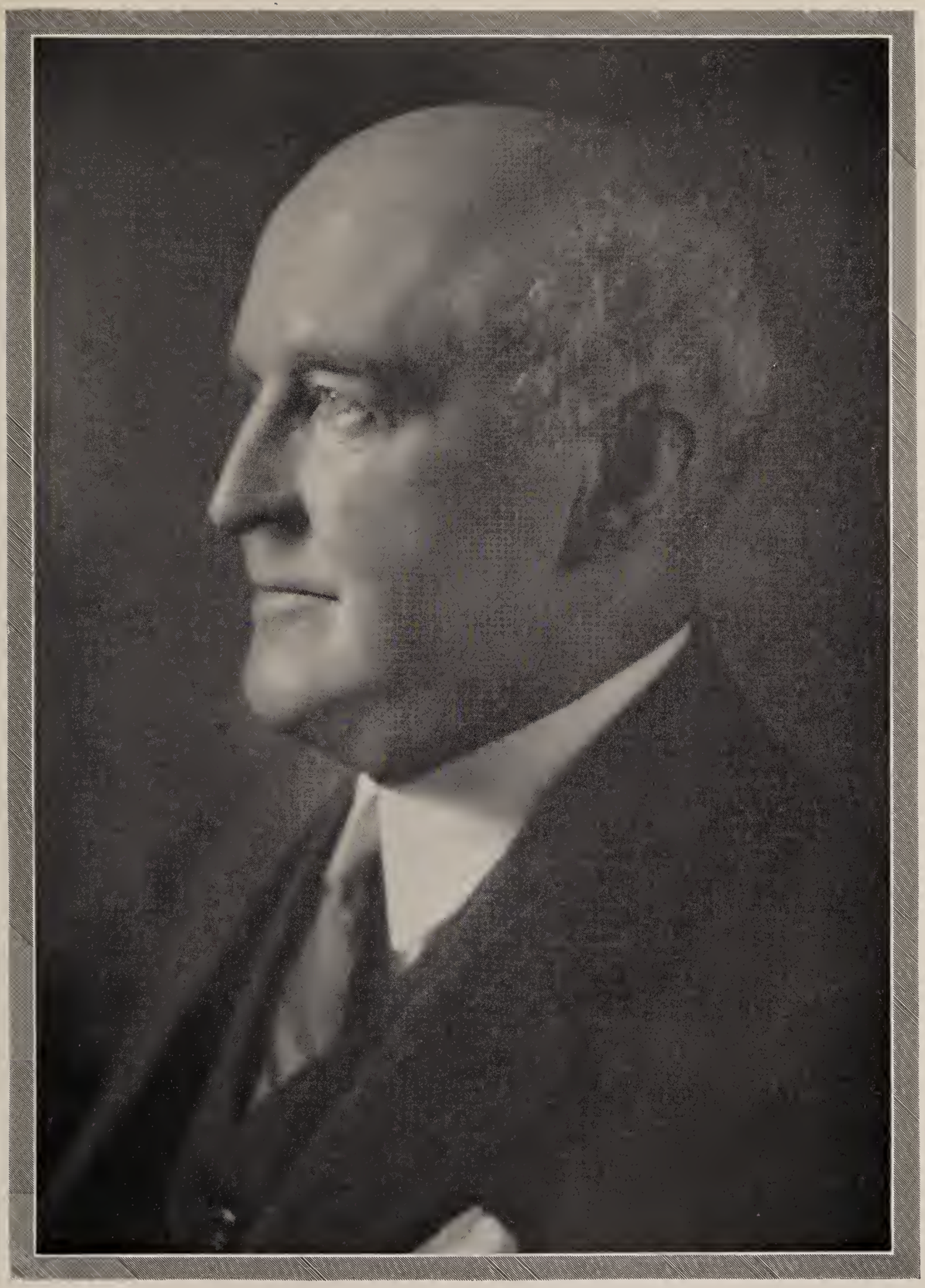
Meanwhile he manifested an aptitude for finance and was elected a director of the Whitinsville National Bank. It was in 1913 that he was elected president of this institution, which is the office he has since held continuously. In 1905 this bank occupied its handsome and modern quarters in its own building, which is one of the architectural gems of the town. He is also a trustee of the Whitinsville Savings Bank.

He has yielded to the insistence of the people that he serve them in public office and has held membership in the board of selectmen, the school committee, and the board of sewer commissioners. In all local affairs for the improvement of the community he lends his support and influence, being active when time and opportunity offer. He is a member of the Union Club of Boston, the Williams Club of New York, the Tatnuck Country Club of Worcester, and the Whitinsville Golf Club.

Mr. Lasell married, June 27, 1888, Mary F. Krum, of St. Louis, Missouri, and their children are: 1. Josiah, married Nora Elliott and resides in Paris, France. 2. Elizabeth. 3. John W., married Frances Sumner, of Worcester. 4. Margaret Harding, married Earl Smith, of Shrewsbury. 5. Philip Bradford. 6. Nancy Manning. 7. Chester Harding, married Ruth Drake, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

THE HARRINGTON AND RICHARDSON ARMS COMPANY, of Worcester, is one of the well-known and among the oldest concerns of its kind in the United States.

Gilbert Henderson Harrington, founder of the company, was born in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, April 17, 1845, son of Henry Henderson and Cornelia Bush (Wesson) Harrington. He was of old Colonial stock, tracing back to the immigrant ancestor, Robert Harrington, a native of England, who came to this country, settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, and became prominent in the local public affairs of his day. From him the line descends through his son Thomas Harrington; his son Thomas, an inn-keeper of Waltham; his son Thomas, born in Cambridge and settled in Shrewsbury, the first of his line in that town; his son Jonathan, who was a soldier and pensioner of the Revolutionary War; his son, Colonel Daniel Har-



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rington, born in Shrewsbury, served as colonel of a regiment of militia; his son Henry Henderson Harrington, who married Cornelia Bush Wesson, a sister of D. B. Wesson, famous inventor and manufacturer of firearms, of the firm of Smith and Wesson, and became the father of Gilbert Henderson Harrington, founder of the Harrington and Richardson Arms Company.

Gilbert Henderson Harrington came to Worcester as a young boy, attended the public schools there. While still a young boy, he began to work in a small shop in Worcester devoted to the manufacture of revolvers, of which Ballard and Fairbanks, who were making a specialty of a six-shot revolver, were proprietors. From his Wesson ancestry the boy inherited mechanical skill and inventive genius and here he found ample opportunity for the development of his talents. Here he worked out his first invention and patented a shell ejecting revolver. At the same time his uncle, Franklin Wesson, was engaged in manufacturing rifles in another small factory, at No. 18 Manchester Street. Soon afterward Ballard and Fairbanks discontinued making revolvers and the business was taken over and continued by Mr. Harrington. In 1871 Mr. Wesson took his nephew into partnership, under the firm name of Wesson and Harrington, with the idea of developing and perfecting the new revolver. As that revolver was the first to eject empty shells after the weapon had been fired, it became very popular and held the market for several years. In 1872 Mr. Harrington became sole owner of the company, but soon afterward he formed a partnership with William A. Richardson, who had been employed in the Ballard and Fairbanks factory, and he was placed in charge of the mechanical end of the business. The new firm of Harrington and Richardson, with its workshop at No. 18 Manchester Street, its patent rights to manufacture the revolver invented by Mr. Harrington, and its eighteen workmen, set energetically about the task of placing its goods before the public on a larger scale, and its market was soon greatly extended both in this country and abroad. The company's display at the Centennial exposition held in Philadelphia in 1876 attracted much attention, and the revolver was manufactured until 1878. Meantime, in 1876, the business was removed to larger quarters at No. 31 Hermon Street. Another new revolver, cheaper than the shell ejector and made in all calibres, soon displaced the older invention, and also created for itself a market which made necessary an increase in floor space. By this time thirty-six men were on the payroll, and the firm was manufacturing double action revolvers. On March 6, 1878, George F. Brooks became associated with the firm and Mr. Harrington took charge of the sales department, while Mr. Richardson looked after the general details of manufacturing. In 1880 the firm was given the sole license in America to manufacture double-barreled hammerless shot guns, under the patents of Anson and Deely, of England, whose guns were the best on the market at the time and commanded the highest prices. More space was secured by leasing the floor above, new machinery was installed, and more workmen hired. Though the guns sold at prices ranging from $85 to $300, sales were brisk because of the excellence of the weapon and also because this was the first hammerless shotgun manufactured in America. In 1886 the firm took over the third floor of an adjoining building and a room for storage in a building further away, but still the output was not equal to the demand and the firm finally decided to discontinue the manufacture of Anson and Deely guns, as by this time they had made improvements by inventions of their own. In January, 1888, the business was incorporated under the present name of the Harrington and Richardson Arms Company, of which Mr. Harrington was president to the time of his death. Mr. Richardson was made treasurer and Mr. Brooks secretary.

Through constant improvements and fair dealing the business of the corporation grew to proportions which indicated that much larger quarters would soon be needed, and in 1890 part of the present site at the corner of Park Avenue and Chandler Street was purchased. Additional land was secured in 1891 and a building was designed, but the failing health of Mr. Harrington caused delay, and it was not until 1893 that ground was broken for the first of the present buildings, the main building, which extends for one hundred and eighty feet along Park Avenue, one end facing Chandler Street. It was finished in 1894 and new improved machinery was installed. There were two hundred and fifty men on the payroll when the structure was begun, but after its completion the number of workmen, all skilled, ran up into the hundreds and the output was greatly increased to meet the steadily increasing demand. But the health of both partners began to fail, and on June 22, 1897, Mr. Harrington died at the early age of fifty-two years. Mr. Richardson, who was chosen president after the death of Mr. Harrington, was also treasurer, so when he died a few months later two offices were left vacant. Mr. Brooks, who had borne the burden of management during the illness of his two associates, was made general manager and treasurer, while Edwin C. Harrington, then only twenty years of age, was elected president. He, with Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Mary A. Richardson, formed the board of directors, and a little later, John W. Harrington, a younger brother of the newly elected president, entered the business, in which he has since been actively interested, and of which he is now treasurer.

Gilbert Henderson Harrington married (first) Christine I. Dibble, who died February 1, 1875. To this marriage was born one son, Charles H., who died in infancy, February 1, 1873. Mr. Harington married (second) Charlotte M. Harrington, who died August 26, 1885, aged thirty-seven years, daughter of Isaac Sylvester Harrington. He married (third) Myrtis S. Sigourney. To the second marriage two sons were born: 1. Edwin Chester, of further mention. 2. John Walter (q. v.).

Edwin Chester Harrington, president of the Harrington and Richardson Arms Company, was born in Worcester, September 18, 1877, and received his earliest training in the public schools of his native city. He continued his studies in Dalzell's School and then took a course in Becker's Business College in Worcester, after which he became associated with his father's business, making himself as familiar as possible with the details of the processes of manufacturing firearms. The death of his father, the founder of the business, in 1897, however, brought to him heavy responsibilities at an early age; for during the same meet-

ing of the stockholders which made Mr. Brooks general manager of the business, after the death of the founder, Edwin C. Harrington was elected president, although he was then only twenty years of age. He had the efficient aid of the manager, Mr. Brooks, whose thorough knowledge of the business was invaluable at that time. During the nearly forty years of Edwin C. Harrington's presidency the business has grown to very large proportions. A single barrel gun was put upon the market, and in 1900 a new three-story structure, joining the main building on Park Avenue was erected, the export business was developed along substantial lines at that time, and in competition with arms of all makes, here and abroad, the "H. & R." products began to outstrip their rivals. In 1901 another building was added, on Chandler Street, a replica of the first one, though not so long, giving, in all, comfortable working quarters for six hundred men. Two years later the firm began producing police goods, including the famous Bean handcuffs and twisters, unsurpassed for lightness and strength. New models in firearms were brought out from time to time, including the H. & R. double action solid frame, H. & R. Premier revolver, H. & R. single barrel shot gun, H. & R. automatic double action revolver with knife attachment, in .32 and .38 calibres, six and five shots respectively; U. S. R. A. Model single shot target pistol, Bicycle revolver, Vest Pocket and Young America safety hammer revolvers, Sportsmen's Model revolver, .22 calibre, and numerous others. No firm engaged in this line of business manufactures a greater number of models, and moreover, the firm does all its own work from start to finish and every piece is a marvel of careful workmanship. To every civilized country on the globe these finely finished firearms go, and wherever they go they are known for their superior workmanship and accurate shooting qualities. The business grew until eight hundred hands were requested to meet the demands, but at present, owing to changed conditions, the force has been reduced to an average of about four hundred and fifty hands the year round. Mr. Harrington is a member of the Commonwealth Club; also of Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; and Massachusetts Consistory, in which he holds the thirty-second degree.

Edwin Chester Harrington married, June 19, 1901, Edith Burton, daughter of Arthur Henry Burton, a native of Thurton, England, who died in Worcester, February 28, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington have two children: 1. Marjorie, born October 22, 1907. 2. Edwin C., Jr., born August 16, 1910.

JOHN WALTER HARRINGTON was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, February 21, 1880, son of Gilbert Henderson and Charlotte M. (Harrington) Harrington (see preceding biography). In 1921 he was made treasurer of the company, and that responsible position he is still (1934) filling.

HOWARD C. BOULTON—Born in Spencer, November 18, 1895, Howard C. Boulton, attorney-at-law and clerk of the Western Worcester District Court, is a son of Frederick W. and Cora L. (Carpenter) Boulton, his father a druggist, now retired after practicing many years. From the public schools of Spencer he entered the South High School in Worcester, where he was graduated in 1915. He won his degree of Bachelor of Science at Dartmouth College on graduation in the class of 1919. For three years he studied law at Harvard University. Having been admitted to the bar of Massachusetts in 1923, he associated himself in that year with the office of Edmund G. Norman. It was while connected with this office that he received the appointment of clerk of the Western Worcester District Court, which he has since filled. He also maintains an office in Spencer for the practice of law, his court position being at East Brookfield.

He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association; Spencer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and of the Spencer Congregational Church where he is a member of the music committee.

Mr. Boulton married, February 5, 1927, Ellen P. Watson, of Spencer, and their children are: 1. David Watson, born in December, 1928. 2. Marcia Howard, born October 13, 1931.

JOSEPH N. O'KANE—An unusually interesting record and one of great variety is that standing to the credit of Joseph N. O'Kane, representative in the Massachusetts Legislature from the Fifth Worcester District. A former tax collector of the town of Dudley, he has also served the same as chairman of the board of selectmen. In private life he carries on a restaurant business and commands a large following at his establishment.

Born in Mullaghmore, County Derry, Ireland, May 26, 1873, Joseph N. O'Kane is a son of James and Mary (Darragh) O'Kane. He came to this country with his parents in 1874 and with the family made his home in Dudley. The father, a linen finisher, was employed at the Stevens Linen Works in Dudley and also followed his trade at Charlton in this county. He died April 10, 1910. The son, Joseph N., received his education in public and parochial schools and then went to work in the Stevens mills at Dudley, his wages at the time being only forty cents a day. In time he became an expert linen finisher and succeeded his father on the latter's death. Here begins the story of his versatile career.

While working in the linen mills, he learned the barber's trade, working at it nights. Leaving the mill, he became a journeyman barber, but pursued the trade for only one year. He then obtained a concession for dispensing ice cream and soda at Beacon Park for one season. His next position was that of motorman on the Worcester and Webster street car line, and, after working a year at that, he purchased a milk route and was engaged in peddling for another year. Then followed varying lengths of time in operating, first, a bakery and, later, a laundry. In 1920 he entered the lunchroom business, in which he has since remained. At the beginning he was in partnership with James F. Tague and, when the latter died, he bought of the widow his former associate's interest. His place is known as "O'Kane's Diner," in which he has the reputation of dispensing only food of the highest quality.

Mr. O'Kane's political career began with election to the office of tax collector of Dudley, which he filled for two years. In 1910 he was chosen to

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the board of selectmen, and with the exception of one term has since been a member and for several years served as chairman of the board. The road to Beacon Hill was cleared for him in 1925, which was the year he was first elected Representative to the Legislature from the old Southbridge-Dudley District. Following the redistricting of the district and reapportionment, he was reëlected for the new district, and altogether has served four terms of two years each, or a total of eight years. His service in the Legislature has been rendered more important through his work on the various committees to which the Speaker of the House appointed him. He is or has been a member of the following committees: Public service, towns, agriculture, highways and motor vehicles, reapportionment of congressional districts, and the recess committee to make more understandable the initiative and referendum.

He is a member of the Massachusetts State Association of Selectmen and the Worcester County Selectmen's Association. His fraternal affiliations include the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Patrons of Husbandry (Grange), Fraternal Order of Eagles, Loyal Order of Moose, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Knights of Columbus.

Mr. O'Kane married, October 27, 1927, Jennie Ingraham, of Oxford. They have a fine, attractive home on Dudley Hill, their post office address being Webster. Mr. O'Kane possesses valuable property in the town of Dudley, of whose future growth and continued prosperity he is confident.

GEORGE EDMUND RICE—Among the leaders of the Worcester County bar of the younger generation is George Edmund Rice, who practices in the city of Worcester and in Spencer, having his home in the latter town. Not only has he gone forward professionally, but also politically, having been elected to the Massachusetts Legislature.

Mr. Rice's grandfather, Emerson K. Rice, was one of the pioneer settlers of Worcester; a carpenter by trade and also a contractor, he built many of the early homes on the east side of the city and also built schoolhouses. His father, George Calvin Rice, a native of Worcester, is of old New England Colonial stock, a machinist by trade, now living retired. He married Maria Dansereau, born in Winooski, Vermont, and of a family of French origin.

George Edmund Rice was born in Worcester, February 22, 1899, and attended the public schools of this city, afterwards going to Montreal, Canada, where he prepared for college in high school. Entering the University of Montreal, he studied there one year and then came to Worcester, where he was a student at the Assumption College for three years. In 1920 he entered Boston University Law School and in the class of 1923 was graduated Bachelor of Laws. The same year he left the law school he was admitted to the bar at a sitting of court in Worcester County. He was associated with the office of Thayer, Smith and Gaskill in this city for one year. In the fall of 1924 he established himself in an office in his own name here and since has been steadily engaged in caring for a growing clientage. He also maintains an office in Spencer, where he attends to the requirements of his clients in the evenings. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association.

In 1931 he took a residence in Spencer, and since has become a popular citizen of this community. In November, 1932, he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature by a majority of twenty-two votes over his opponent. This showing is considered remarkable, since he was at the time comparatively a stranger in the town, especially from a political viewpoint. During the campaign of that year he set a high record as a campaign speaker and drew a large following. When the World War drew in the United States, he was at school, but in lieu of possible active service at the front, he did his bit as a member of the Students Army Training Corps.

DAVID N. TAFT—President and treasurer of the David N. Taft Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of woolens at Oxford, David N. Taft continues the enterprise founded originally by his father at Oxford many years ago. He has long been a leading figure in the life of this city.

Mr. Taft was born in Oxford on May 21, 1876, a son of Nathaniel E. and Chloe A. (Fitts) Taft. His parents were natives of Mendon, Massachusetts. Nathan E. Taft, the father, located in North Oxford in the year 1875, building a factory where he engaged in the manufacture of shoddy. In 1887 the factory moved to a new location on Lowe's Pond, but after three years' operation there it was destroyed by fire. For the next five years the business was continued at the North Oxford factory. Then in 1895, Mr. Taft, with his son, David N. Taft, built a new mill on the site of the factory destroyed by fire under the name of the N. E. Taft and Son Mills. In the following year the father died and from that time Mr. Taft has carried on the business under his own name.

David N. Taft was educated in the public schools of Oxford and at Worcester Academy, supplementing his academic training with a course in business college. After he left school he joined his father in the operation of the family mills, succeeding to control of the enterprise with the death of the older man. Mr. Taft has kept abreast of all developments and improvements in the woolen industry. The output of the plant has steadily increased and new and modern machinery has been installed from time to time to keep pace with the progress of the town. In 1929 the business was incorporated as the David N. Taft Manufacturing Company, with Mr. Taft as president and treasurer and his son, D. Russell Taft, as assistant treasurer and secretary. This firm employs about one hundred and twenty-five people in normal times and manufactures woolen goods exclusively, finding a ready market for their product which is well known in the industry.

In addition to his long connection with the Taft mills, which he has directed very successfully, Mr. Taft was one of the men who built the Oxford water works as a private venture a number of years ago. It was sold in 1929. He has also found time, in spite of the pressure of business, to be active in civic and community affairs, serving on the finance committee for several years and as a selectman for five years. He has always been ready to give his time and effort in the public interest when convinced that he could genuinely be of service. Fraternally, Mr. Taft is affiliated with Oxford Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of many higher

bodies, including Worcester Commandery, Knights Templar, and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On September 15, 1902, David N. Taft married (first) Maude P. Russell, who died on June 30, 1924. He married (second), January 1, 1926, Katharine L. Copp, of Oxford. Of the first marriage there is one son, David Russell, a graduate of Oxford High School, Rumson Academy and Lowell Textile School. He is now an officer of the David N. Taft Manufacturing Company. There is also one son of the second marriage, Nathaniel C., born December 9, 1926.

MRS. JANE LEWIS SATTERTHWAITE was born at Norwood, St. Lawrence County, New York, daughter of Morgan Quincy and Sarah Ann (Bean) Lewis. Educated in public and private schools she early displayed unusual talent for music. For four years she studied at the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston. She was married in 1902 to Dr. Samuel T. Satterthwaite of Fargo, North Dakota, and later with him spent three years in Europe, studying music, art and literature. She also took a course at Columbia Universiy.

Returning from Europe, Mrs. Satterthwaite sang in grand opera and did concert work throughout the United States. She retired from opera and concert singing to take charge of the voice department at the Denver Conservatory of Music.

In 1912 Dr. Satterthwaite purchased property in Boylston, Massachusetts, and spent several years in beautifying this as a summer estate. Dr. Satterthwaite died in 1921, and after his death Mrs. Satterthwaite opened the estate as a tea room. It was known as "Chalet at Rocks" and became popular among those who appreciated true beauty.

In 1929, when the Worcester Electric Light Company established its department of home economics, Mrs. Satterthwaite's qualifications led to her being appointed executive head of the department. She has since filled this position with efficiency and fidelity. Active in many phases of Worcester life, she has served as trustee of the Worcester Public Library, was a member of the Republican city committee, and exercises influence in party councils. Her services are always available to worthy civic projects.

A brilliant conversationalist, she is admired for her high conception of all the nobler qualities of life and is an inspiration to all who know her.

Mrs. Satterthwaite is a sister of the late Miss Jessie Dell Lewis (q. v.), prominent dramatic director and coach, of Worcester.

MISS JESSIE DELL LEWIS was born in Norwood, New York, but received her early education in the public schools in Topeka, Kansas. She early developed a talent for public reading and studied with the best teachers in the West. After teaching dramatics and expression in Denver, Colorado, she came East and studied with noted Boston teachers, later coming to Worcester and opening a studio of expression. She established herself not only as a dramatic reader, but also as a well-known coach of pageants and plays, not only in this State but in other sections of the country.

Miss Lewis arranged and directed the pageant, "The Spirit of Worcester," for the dedication of the Worcester Municipal Auditorium, September 29, 1933. This pageant was written while she was ill in Memorial Hospital, Worcester, and the rehearsals were conducted at the Auditorium while she was suffering greatly. The pageant was patriotic in nature and consisted of a series of tableaux depicting the history of Worcester from the coming of the first white settlers to the present time. Three hundred persons took part in the pageant which was one of the most artistic and beautiful productions ever staged in this city.

Miss Lewis was active in the affairs of the Worcester Woman's Club, the Quota Club, the Business and Professional Woman's Club and The Players Club. She passed away on February 22, 1934, in Memorial Hospital, Worcester, and is mourned by a host of friends. Every one with whom she came in contact loved her for her sympathy, her kindliness, her deep insight into human nature, and her keen wit.

REV. FRANCIS J. DOLAN, S. J.—As president of Holy Cross College, the Rev. Francis J. Dolan, S. J., heads one of the major institutions of higher education in America and one of the most famous of all Catholic colleges. He has devoted his entire active life to the cause of Catholic education and is highly qualified by character and attainments for the responsible office to which he has been called.

Father Dolan was born at Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, July 14, 1893, and was educated in Catholic schools of this State. Following his graduation successively from Boston College High School and Boston College, he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus at St. Andrew-on-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, New York, remaining there from September 7, 1912, until 1915. From 1916 to 1919, he was engaged in the study of philosophy and the classics at Woodstock College, Woodstock, Maryland, and in the latter year was appointed professor of classics at Loyola College, Baltimore. In 1921 he first came to Holy Cross College as professor of classics. In 1923 he returned to Woodstock College to study theology and was so engaged for four years following. He was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church on June 14, 1926. In 1927 Father Dolan was named dean of freshmen at Boston College and professor of natural theology in the graduate school of the college, retaining these positions until 1929. In 1929-30 he carried on special studies in England and on his return to the United States in July, 1930, was appointed dean of studies at Holy Cross College. He served in that capacity until his appointment as president of Holy Cross College in July, 1933, succeeding the Rev. John M. Fox, S. J.

A renowned classical scholar, Father Dolan is also vice-president of the New England Classical Association. His entire career has been a preparation for his present office and his previous service at Holy Cross has given him an insight into the special problems of the college which is now very valuable to him. He has proved himself an able administrator and by his dignity of character and dedication to the highest ideals has preserved the finest traditions of the presidency and of the college. He is a very human man, much loved by those with whom he comes in contact. He commands the unfailing loyalty of all who are asso-

ciated with him and his leadership insures a proud position for Holy Cross in the front rank of American colleges.

THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS was founded in the year 1843 by the Rt. Rev. Benedict Joseph Fenwick, second Bishop of Boston, and is the oldest Catholic college in New England. It had long been a cherished desire of Bishop Fenwick to establish in his diocese, which then included the city of Worcester, an institution for the higher education of Catholic young men. In bringing about the realization of this desire he was aided by the Rev. James Fitton, who had, as early as 1838, established the Seminary of Mount St. James on the hill which now bears that name. This institution Father Fitton presented to the Bishop in 1843, and on this site the distinguished prelate determined to build his college. He gave it the name of his Cathedral, with the motto and emblem of the Boston Diocese—a cross in the heavens as it appeared to the Emperor Constantine, with its historic legend.

In order to secure for New England students the benefits of that unique plan of collegiate instruction, the *Ratio Studiorum*, which had been for two centuries the invigorating pattern of continental education, Bishop Fenwick invited the founders of that system, the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, whose missionary and educational activities on the North American continent began as early as 1610, to organize the courses of study according to the curricula of their college at Georgetown in the District of Columbia and to take entire charge of the teaching. On the second day of November, 1843, the first classes were organized and were held in the seminary structure until the completion of the first college building in January, 1844. The generous patronage and zealous interest of Bishop Fenwick continued unfailingly and a few days before his death on August 6, 1846, he ceded to the Fathers full possession of the institution, land and buildings unencumbered.

A disaster that threatened its existence visited the young college in July, 1852, when the whole of the central building was destroyed by fire. Through the sympathetic coöperation of the Rt. Rev. John B. Fitzpatrick, who had succeeded to Bishop Fenwick's see, only a single scholastic year was lost, for the college, enlarged and remodeled, reopened on October 3, 1853. Since that time it has grown steadily.

Holy Cross College today comprises a campus of sixty acres, situated at a healthful elevation in the extreme southern end of the city of Worcester. It commands a beautiful view both of the city and of neighboring peaks and mountains. The physical plant and equipment of the college are in every respect adequate. The chief buildings are Fenwick Hall, which is the oldest, housing the administration offices, faculty living quarters, student dormitories, students' refectories, the infirmary and the Sodality Chapel; O'Kane Hall, built in 1895, containing the Students' Recreation Hall, a capacious assembly hall well equipped for dramatic productions, several corridors of students' quarters and the laboratories and lecture halls of the department of chemistry; Alumni Hall, devoted to private living rooms and the activities of the department of physics; Beaven Hall, which contains the biology department and more living quarters; and the four newest buildings of the college, all erected within the last decade: Loyola Hall, a dormitory and classroom building, Dinand Library, St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, and the Refectory.

Dinand Library, a beautiful building, exemplifying the best traditions of the architecture of the Italian Renaissance, contains the library collection of the college amounting to more than 100,000 volumes, together with the main reading room, the card files and catalogues, the Browsing Room, the Periodical Room, the Leonard Memorial Debating Hall, the College Museum and the offices of the library staff. Although it was dedicated as recently as November, 1927, it is already accorded a prominent place among establishments of its kind in the country.

St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, the center of the students' spiritual life, rears its colonnaded façade above the scene at the eastern extremity of the campus. Known for its architectural beauty and purity of design, it is a fitting symbol of the ideals that permeate and dominate the culture of Holy Cross.

The facilities for sports and physical recreation, largely indulged in by the student body, have not been neglected and the athletic fields of the college include the football gridiron, the baseball diamond, the quarter-mile track, tennis courts, handball courts, basketball courts and equipment for all other outdoor sports. Many baseball and football fields are available for intra-mural contests, while the varsity gridiron is surrounded on three sides by stadia seating approximately 20,000. In 1933, after the college farm had been abandoned as such, the barn, erected some seventy-five years ago, was transformed into a temporary gymnasium, greatly adding to the college's athletic facilities.

The Refectory, plans for which had been projected in the fall of 1929, was in the process of building in 1933, work on it having been started late in the summer with funds raised through the General Alumni Society. The new building faces the main entrance to the grounds, midway between Alumni Hall and Loyola Hall. It will satisfy not only a very important functional need, but will also add greatly to the physical attractiveness of the college. Besides a huge dining hall, seating from nine hundred to one thousand students, it contains a cafeteria, kitchens, store rooms, offices, locker rooms, and various recreation rooms.

Holy Cross College offers complete curricula in English and English literature, the classic and modern languages, mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology and their branches, religion, philosophy, psychology, history, economics, sociology and education. All classes and seminars are under distinguished instructors.

The underlying principles of the educational system in effect at the college are set forth in the catalogue of the college and the following quotations are made from that source:

> The system of education is the one common to all the colleges of the Society of Jesus and is guided by the principles outlined in the famous *Ratio Studiorum*. It is a system based on studied experience and centuries of observation. In this system the principle of unity in education is of prime importance. It makes the education of a youth from his entrance into college to the completion of his course a graded, related and systematic unit directed not to the mere accumulation of facts, but to the development of his faculties and the training of his character.

This system invests education with all the sanctity and serious responsibility of religion itself. . . . It proceeds on the theory that genuine education calls throughout for the supervision and control of trained, experienced educators and is not to be regulated by the inexperienced student himself. Keeping in view the essential distinction between collegiate and university education, as that of a general as distinguished from a special or professional education, the studies are for the most part prescribed. Its immediate object makes this course imperative. It aims at the preliminary development of the whole man as the essence of education and its only legitimate meaning. After this is had, specialization along particular lines may properly follow. . . .

The college is in its method of teaching primarily tutorial, not professional. The formation it proposes to give is effected by personal and intimate relations between small groups of pupils and a teacher, whose duty comprehends guidance, advice and encouragement as well as instruction. In order that this tutorial method may be pursued most effectively, a number of instructors are assigned to each hall, and in every Student-House teachers reside to whom the students may have recourse for guidance in studies. . . .

The supervision over the student's moral life is as systematic as the direction of his mental life. Education, as understood in this system, is, as has been said, the training of the whole man, in which training the supreme element is growth along the lines of Christian morality. The whole system rests on the principles that men cannot truly advance in knowledge unless they advance more closely to God. The truth expressed in bold letters over the entrance to the College Library emphasizes the ultimate purpose of education as understood in this college, *"Ut Cognoscant Te Solum Deum Verum Et Quem Misisti Jesum Christum."*

While recognizing in its fullest extent the advantages of a liberal education in the purely secular order, the college at the same time understands that education itself contains no power that can form or sustain character. Only when it is occupied with the entire man, Body, Intellect and Soul, and with man's entire life, the present and future, does education attain its ultimate end. . . .

Rightly, therefore, does Holy Cross College insist that in every stage of intellectual development religious instruction be interwoven with training in the secular branches of knowledge. This instruction aims at planting in the heart such principles of rectitude as will afterwards serve as a guide, a warning, a stimulus. Since Religion is the highest concern of man, as well as the strongest defense of a nation, Religion is made a prescribed subject. Men, long trained in the world's best wisdom, whose consciences have been formed to the law of God by years of self-discipline, are the expounders of the eternal truth.

JOHN T. McMANUS—From office boy, John T. McManus, one of the best known textile mill executives in this section of New England, worked his way up through various grades until he was appointed vice-president and general manager of the Slater Company, of Webster, a widely known corporation in the industry. He is a veteran of the World War, serves the town of Webster as a member of the advisory board, and is much interested in promoting the welfare of the community.

Mr. McManus' father and mother, John W. and Bridget (Moran) McManus, were born in Ireland and in their youth came with their respective parents to the United States, settling in Danielsonville (now Danielson), Connecticut. His father was employed as a mechanic at the Slater Company until his death, which occurred in 1903.

Born in Danielson, Connecticut, December 18, 1889, John T. McManus attended the public schools of Webster and there completed his education. Discharging the duties of office boy at the Slater Company in a highly satisfactory manner, he was made the subject for merited promotions from time to time. Each succeeding position he filled with unusual ability, always having the best interests of the company in mind. It was in June, 1931, that he was elected vice-president and general manager, being given immediate oversight of the finishing plant and the dyeing and printing divisions. In normal times the company provides employment for about six hundred and fifty people.

Mr. McManus is a member of the Southern New England Textile Club. In addition to his excellent service to the town of Webster as a member of the advisory board, he is a vice-president of the Webster Five Cents Savings Bank. He is a member of the Rotary Club and the Webster-Dudley Golf Club. Golf is his principal form of recreation. His service in the World War began in February, 1916, when he enlisted for the Signal Corps. He was transferred to the 816th Aero Squadron in the Air Service and was on duty at different forts until honorably discharged.

Mr. McManus married, April 29, 1917, Gertrude Thornton, of Worcester. They have three children: 1. Betty, born March 16, 1919. 2. Jane, born May 29, 1922. 3. John T., born January 18, 1928. The McManus residence in Webster is at No. 135 East Main Street.

CHARLES L. BURLEIGH—Having begun service in the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank in the capacity of messenger thirty-six years ago, Charles L. Burleigh, now treasurer of this institution for a quarter-century, has the distinction of being the chief fiscal officer of the second oldest savings bank in the city and one which in its long and honorable history has never passed a dividend. Mr. Burleigh is known as the originator of the savings insurance plan, which is now universally in use by mutual savings banks.

Born in Worcester, November 3, 1877, Charles L. Burleigh is the son of Charles Hartwell Burleigh, of Oxford, Massachusetts, an architect, who died in 1929, and who became one of the best known patent attorneys in Massachusetts, and Emily (Freeman) Burleigh, a native of this State. He received his education in the public schools here and, after leaving his textbooks, entered the employ of the Norton Company, one of Worcester's greatest corporations. Here he remained a short time and then accepted the offer of a position on the staff of the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank. That was in 1898, and he was assigned duties as a clerk and messenger. He was apt and willing, eager to get on, ambitious to learn thoroughly every detail as presented in his tasks. These he mastered in his usual capable manner, and rapid promotion came to him on his merits. Advancing from one grade to another, he found himself at the end of ten years, in December, 1908, treasurer of the institution, having been elected the successor of Frank W. Cutting. He is also a director of the Morris Plan Bank of Worcester.

A brief account of the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank contains these interesting items: It was founded in 1851 by a group of business men of the city, and the location of its bank building on Main Street has always been the same. Its first president was Isaac Davis, who was succeeded in that office by Alexander Witt, 1855-59; J. S. C. Knowlton, 1859-62; Harrison Bliss, 1862-63; Francis H. Dewey, 1863-68; J. Edgar Smith, 1888-1900; A. B. R. Sprague, 1900-11; John H. Coes,

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1911-22; George M. Bassett, 1922-30; and Leander F. Herrick, who has been president since 1930. The first treasurer of the bank was Parley Hammond, who was succeeded in 1859 by Henry Woodward; Frank W. Cutting, 1859-December, 1908; and Mr. Burleigh, since the latter date. In 1871 the deposits totaled $2,047,463; in 1891, $4,733,724; in 1911, $13,164,668; and in 1932, $26,019,096.62.

The Savings Insurance Plan, on which Mr. Burleigh had been working for some time in the perfection of a formula, was launched by the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank on October 1, 1922. The idea met with immediate favor on the part of Worcester people and was accepted with enthusiasm from the beginning by the mutual saving banks of the State, which were quick to perceive its uniqueness of purpose and application. Through its operation great impetus was given the people for increasing their deposits through adoption of the Burleigh plan. The originator of the system has been widely commended for the practicability of the idea and is commendably proud of having been enabled to give it to the Massachusetts mutual savings banks. Mr. Burleigh is a member of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks and of its executive council, the Historical Society of Worcester and the Commonwealth Club of this city. His religious affiliation is with the Church of All Saints, Worcester. During the World War he was active in the various Liberty Loan campaigns. Like many other men of prominence, he has his hobby or chief diversion, the designing and construction of things for his own pleasure, and for this purpose he maintains a finely appointed workshop at his home.

Charles L. Burleigh married, in 1914, Helen H. Leonard, a native of this State, and they have a son, Charles L., Jr., born January 22, 1915.

PATRICK JOSEPH MOORE—Coming to the practice of law after a varied career in business and in the field of education, Patrick Joseph Moore has risen to a position of recognized prominence at the Worcester County bar during the several years in which he had devoted his chief effort to the legal profession. He maintains offices both at Leominster where he makes his home, and at Fitchburg.

Mr. Moore was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, on June 20, 1884, a son of William and Bridget (Lynch) Moore, both now deceased. His parents never left their native Ireland. Mr. Moore received his early education in the public schools of his birthplace and subsequently entered St. Patrick's College, at Dublin, Ireland, from which he was graduated with the degree in pedagogy. For five years thereafter he taught school in Belfast, Ireland, but at the end of that time, in 1909, he came to the United States, seeking the larger opportunities of a newer land. On his arrival here he secured a position as bookkeeper with the Viscoloid Company of Leominster, where he has since continued to make his home. Through the merit of his services he won steady advancement within the organization, holding successively the positions of office manager, credit manager, employment manager and purchasing agent. In the latter office, he served until 1925. In that year Mr. Moore was appointed factory manager of the Standard Pyroxoloid Corporation of Leominster, a position which he successfully filled until the fall of 1928. Meanwhile, in pursuit of a long-cherished ambition, he had taken up the study of law and now decided to devote his entire attention to this profession. In June, 1929, he was admitted to the bar and immediately began active practice, opening offices in Leominster and Fitchburg, which he still maintains. Mr. Moore's admitted talents and thorough training have been important factors in his success. He enjoys an extensive practice and has won for himself a distinguished reputation through his successful conduct of his clients' interests. His office in Leominster is situated in the Columbia Hotel Building, No. 65 Main Street, while his Fitchburg office is located at No. 307 Main Street.

Apart from his professional connections, Mr. Moore is a director of the Mutual Coöperative Bank of Leominster, and has served in that capacity during the past four years. He is president of the Taxpayers Association of Leominster and has been actively interested in every civic enterprise of value to the community. Mr. Moore is a Democrat in politics. He is influential in councils of his party and on September 20, 1932, received the Democratic nomination for State Representative from his district. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Knights of Columbus, in which latter order he is a Knight of the fourth degree and Past Grand Knight of the local Council. In religious faith he is a devout Catholic, being an active member of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in this city and president of the Holy Name Society of the parish.

JOSEPH N. CARRIÉRE—The Franco-Americans of Fitchburg form approximately one-quarter of the population of that city, about nine thousand in number, and it is fitting that one of such ancestry, Dr. Joseph N. Carriére, a resident of Fitchburg since 1904, should have served three terms as its popular and efficient mayor. He proved himself well worthy of the high office he held, and his administration was marked by many improvements that promoted the progress of Fitchburg and the welfare of its citizens.

Dr. Carriére was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, October 3, 1879. His father, now deceased, was born in Chambly, Province of Quebec, and his mother, also deceased, was born in St. Eustache, the same province. They later came to the United States and settled first in Millbury, Massachusetts, in 1875, then went to Manitoba in 1878, thence to Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1883. Here they remained until 1893, when they returned to the United States.

Joseph N. Carriére attended Mount St. Louis Academy, in Longueuil, Canada, near Montreal. He was graduated from the University of Maryland in 1902, practiced dentistry in Holyoke for a year and then came to Fitchburg in 1904. An idea of his standing may be gained from the fact that in 1916 he was appointed a member of the State board of dental examiners by Governor McCall. He was reappointed by Governor Coolidge and later by Governor Cox. For twelve years he was a member of this board and was secretary for eight years. He has always taken an active interest in local politics and served three terms in the old common council, in 1910, 1911 and 1912. In 1925-26 he served as councillor-at-large. For

six years he served as a member of the school board. He served three terms as mayor, having been first elected in 1928 and serving from 1929 until January 1, 1934. He paid $148,000 interest on the city debt and reduced the municipal debt, during his five years as mayor, by $1,500,000 to less than one-half its former total. Dr. Carriére has taken a prominent part in Franco-American activities of New England. He is a member of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, Franco-American Foresters, Franco-American Civic League, Massachusetts Dental Society, Knights of Columbus, and a director of the Wachusett Automobile Association. He is a Republican in politics, has been active in both State and national campaigns of that party, and has delivered many effective speeches during the campaigns since he became of age. He is also a member of the Republican Club of Fitchburg and of the State Republican Club.

In 1924 Dr. Carriére was nominated for mayor and was defeated by a small majority. In 1927 he made a second attempt and was again defeated by a few hundred votes. The effect of these two trials, however, had focused in the minds of the Franco-American population the possibility of electing a Franco-American mayor and it also had the effect of solidifying them in one vote. In 1928, when Dr. Carriére again presented himself, he was successful, and the significant thing was that he was elected by a majority of 2,600, the actual number of the Franco-American electors.

That their confidence in the nominee was not displaced and that Dr. Carriére demonstrated to the population at large that a Franco-American could function successfully as a mayor, was demonstrated the following year when he was reelected by the population at large and given the largest plurality ever given a mayor in the history of the city. During the particularly trying times of the industrial depression it was manifest that Mayor Carriére handled the administration of the city's affairs in such a way as to reflect credit on the Franco-American group and to the general satisfaction of the public at large.

Dr. Carriére is a dentist by profession and has his offices at No. 448 Main Street, Fitchburg. He has a versatile interest in many of the things which go to make a life both broad and happy. He is an enthusiastic motorist and with his car and family he has visited nearly every State and the large cities of the Union, also Canada and British Columbia, and upon various occasions he has delivered exceedingly interesting lectures, illustrated by beautiful views which he has taken on his different trips. One of his hobbies is the collection of very rare stones from different sections of the country, and he has probably one of the largest and choicest private collections in the country. Among these are a number of petrified specimens from the forests of California, including various vegetables, clam shells and many other forms of extinct life.

Dr. Joseph N. Carriére married (first) Victoria Moge, now deceased, and they were the parents of a daughter, Clarissa, who acted as her father's secretary, while he served as mayor. Her conduct of the office in his absence, the thorough business qualifications which she brought to bear at all times, and her unfailing courtesy to every person who had business with the office made her a general favorite with all. Dr. Carriére married (second), August 15, 1919, Josephine Duval.

JEREMIAH J. DONOHUE, M. D.—Trained for the medical profession, Dr. Jeremiah J. Donohue has been in practice in Worcester for more than a quarter-century. He holds the responsible office of city physician of Worcester, having accumulated an abundance of experience through service of ten years as assistant city physician. He is a member of the organized county, State and National associations of his profession and a well-known clubman and fraternity member.

Born in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland, February 9, 1873, Dr. Jeremiah J. Donohue is the son of Daniel and Mary (Lucey) Donohue, both parents natives of Ireland and now deceased. He came to Worcester in 1888 and, having completed his preparatory course in the public schools, he entered Holy Cross College, Worcester, won his degree of Bachelor of Arts and was graduated in the class of 1898. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained four years and at the end of that time he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1907. This school later was consolidated with the University of Maryland and Dr. Donohue is now a member of the Alumni Association of the university.

Dr. Donohue at once established himself in an office in Worcester and engaged in general practice, which he has since followed most successfully. His entry into the public service was in the capacity of assistant to Dr. Duggan, who was city physician at the time. So well did he discharge his duties during the decade that he served as assistant city physician, that he was the unanimous choice for the office of city physician in 1928. He has since served in this position and has given eminent satisfaction in the administration of his department.

Among his professional affiliations are the Worcester County Medical Society, Massachusetts State Medical Society and American Medical Association. His fraternal alliances include the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 24, of which he has been president. He is also a member of the Irish Historical Society of New York City, the Holy Cross Alumni Association, the Emmet Associates and the Wachusett Country Club. He is fond of golf, fishing and life in the country. He is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Worcester and president of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of this church.

Dr. Donohue married (first) Rose M. Burke, of Cherry Valley, Worcester County, and to this marriage three children were born, all in Worcester: Mary, Louise, and Eleanor. The first two are graduates of the Ascension High School. Mrs. Donohue died, and the doctor married (second) Mrs. Mary I. (Healy) Cronin, who has since died.

HON. EDWARD H. NUTTING—During his active career, the Hon. Edward H. Nutting has given much of his time to the public service, both in local and in State offices. He is at present a member of the State Senate from Leominster, a position for which he is well qualified by experience and demonstrated talent.

Senator Nutting was born at Leominster, on July 6, 1869, a son of John C. and Maria (Stone) Nutting and a grandson of Captain Jonah Nutting of

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New Ipswich, New Hampshire. He comes of old New England families, early established in the Colonies. John C. Nutting, the father, was a veteran of the Civil War, serving for four years as a lieutenant in the 4th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. He was born in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, educated in the common schools of New Hampshire and up to the time of the Civil War was employed by his father. After the war he came to Leominster, where he was connected with the Merriam Hall Furniture Company. He and his wife were the parents of five children: 1. Jennie M., deceased, who became the wife of Austin Presby. 2. William J., of Leominster. 3. Edward H., of this record. 4. Charles A., of Berlin, Massachusetts 5. Frank S, inspector of Diesel engines at St Louis, Missouri. John C. Nutting died in 1898 at the age of sixty-five. His wife survived him many years, passing away in 1913 at the age of seventy-four.

Edward H. Nutting received his education in the public schools of Leominster and for a few years at the beginning of his active career was connected with a local furniture manufacturing company. In 1897, however, in association with B. Frank Owens, he entered the baking business and so continued until about 1902. In the latter year he took over his partner's interest and operated the enterprise alone until 1911, when he sold the bakery, but retained the catering business which he had built up along with the bakery trade. Senator Nutting was for years very active as a caterer. His services were much in demand and he still continues, to some extent, the business with which his name has been so long connected.

Even as a young man, Senator Nutting was deeply interested in politics and public life. He soon achieved a position of influence in local politics and was called upon to fill many offices of responsibility and trust. For five years, from 1907 to 1912, he served as selectman of Leominster and for two years of that time was chairman of the board and for one year clerk. In 1913 he took his seat in the lower house of the State Legislature and again in 1915, 1916 and 1918 was a member of that body. In the elections of 1922 he was reelected, serving continuously from 1923 to 1930. During these many years in the Legislature he was an active member of various committees and was influential in securing the passage of much important legislation. Among the bills which he sponsored may be mentioned the anti-begging bill, prohibiting begging on public highways. Senator Nutting served for one year on the highway committee and has always been interested in the development of towns and highways.

In 1930 Senator Nutting's long record of distinguished service in the Legislature won him promotion to the State Senate in the November elections and he was reëlected in 1932. In this body he is a member of the committee on towns, highways and motor vehicles, the committee on public service and on third readings. Apart from his ordinary service in the Legislature, Senator Nutting was appointed a member of the Constitutional Convention to revise the Constitution of the State in 1917 and 1918. At Leominster he has been a member of most of the important local committees. In addition, in January, 1931, he was appointed deputy sheriff of the county.

Senator Nutting has been equally prominent in fraternal circles and for many years has been one of the most notable fraternal leaders of the county. He is a member of E. A. Bennett Camp, No. 52, Sons of Veterans, and was its commander in 1894; is a member of Leominster Lodge, No. 86, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, serving as Noble Grand in 1895; a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 100, Knights of Pythias, of which he was Chancellor Commander in 1900; a member of Wachusett Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, of which he was Sachem in 1916; and a charter member of Leominster Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Leominster Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose; and Leominster Eyrie, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He has been for many years an active member of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce.

In 1896, Edward H. Nutting married (first) Carrie Rugg, who died in 1910. They became the parents of one daughter, Gladys B., now connected with the State Mutual Insurance Company at Worcester. Senator Nutting married (second), in 1918, Mary Burns.

BENJAMIN W. AYRES—His mature career closely identified with the life of Worcester, Benjamin W. Ayres has risen to prominence in his connection with the life insurance business and his civic, social and sports activities. He was born on June 28, 1898, at Springfield, the son of Benjamin W. and Madeline (LeValley) Ayres, the former a manufacturer of Belchertown, Massachusetts, who died in 1928. After attending the public schools, the son matriculated at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated with the class of 1920, holding the degree of Bachelor of Science. He also studied at Carnegie Polytechnic Institute, specializing in life insurance salesmanship.

From college, Mr. Ayres entered the employ of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company in 1920, remaining with that company until 1928. He resigned his post to become associated with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, as its general agent, with supervision over its business in Worcester County. In a community which ranks high in the insurance world, Mr. Ayres has made an enviable record. He is one of the youngest men to hold this important position in the company he represents.

While very much the business man to whom his vocation comes first, Mr. Ayres does not let his work dominate his interests. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Bezaleel Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. His Greek letter college fraternity is Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Among his clubs are the Worcester Country, Commonwealth and University, and he is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and the Life Underwriters Association. He and Mrs. Ayres are affiliated with the First Universalist Church, of Worcester. Golf is a favorite recreation, a game in which he excels as witness his success in golf tournaments.

In 1922, Benjamin W. Ayres married Ellen E. Barrett, daughter of Leon J. and Martha (Hyde) Barrett, of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Ayres are the parents of four children: 1. Lois E., born June

24, 1923. 2. Donald W., born March 22, 1926. 3. Robert B., born May 4, 1928. 4. Janet, born December 1, 1933.

WALDO E. SESSIONS, 2d—Member of a family which has been established in Worcester for over a hundred years and executive head of an enterprise established by his grandfather prior to 1843, Waldo E. Sessions, 2d, continues the undertaking service and the manufacture of undertaker's supplies, with which the family name has so long been connected.

George Sessions, the grandfather, was born in Heath, Massachusetts, October 23, 1814. He came to Worcester in 1822 and sometime prior to 1843 —the exact date is not known—founded the business which bears his name today. He died in Worcester, November 8, 1901. During this time he saw not only his own enterprise develop beyond all expectations, but he was as well part and parcel of the development of Worcester from a town of 7,000, when he arrived, to a thriving city of 125,000 at the time of his death. His first location was on Thomas Street, in a small frame building whose one redeeming feature was its accessibility to a lumber pile nearby—a very necessary adjunct, for in those days an undertaker carried no stock in trade, but instead knocked together black walnut boxes as they were needed. The business thrived in a small way, remaining in Thomas Street until 1850, when a new location was secured at the corner of Front Street and Eaton Place. A short time later a third move was made, this time to the opposite corner. Here Mr. Sessions remained, until the success of his enterprise warranted the construction of a home of his own. This building was erected at the corner of Front and Trumbull streets, and was followed later by another building in the rear.

Mr. Sessions in these later years had become a wholesaler of caskets and undertakers' supplies for smaller concerns in Worcester County and had built up a modest business in this line. Two sons, Waldo E., father of the subject of this record, and Frank E., had grown to manhood in the business, and it was decided to enlarge the wholesale branch and begin the manufacturer of supplies. This step was taken in 1887. The factory was located on Eaton Place, and four men were the total number of employees. Today this department alone employs over two hundred and provides a day and night service for more than 1,500 undertakers located within a radius of three hundred miles of Worcester. The factory is never closed and now occupies three six-story buildings on Eaton Place.

Meanwhile the retail undertaking service continued to develop, and in 1907 a lease of the Mechanic Street end of the Brewer Building, corner of Commercial Street, was secured. Headquarters were located there until the new and present site on Pleasant Street was secured in 1915. Meanwhile, in 1907, the business was incorporated, and since that time Waldo E. Sessions, 2d, of this record, has been its president. Frank E. Sessions (q. v.) was treasurer up to his death on August 7, 1931.

Waldo E. Sessions, 2d, was born at Worcester on February 3, 1882, a son of Waldo E. and Josephine (Ufford) Sessions. His father was associated with the Sessions enterprises until his death. During the Civil War, it is interesting to note, he took care of the bodies of many soldiers without any charge to relatives. Josephine (Ufford) Sessions, the mother, died in 1908.

Waldo E. Sessions, 2d, the son, was educated in the public schools of Worcester and at the beginning of his active career became identified with the family business known at present as George Sessions Sons Company. Subsequently he became active head of the Sessions enterprises and under his guidance they have continued their advancement and growth. Mr. Sessions is a man of progressive outlook and his leadership has been a decisive factor in the recent success of a company which is without doubt the oldest of its kind in Worcester County and one of the oldest in the United States. Their equipment and conveniences for patrons are second to none in New England. Their chapel is provided with a fine Wurlitzer organ, a modern air-cooling and conditioning system, and many other items of the most modern type, enabling them to render the finest possible service in the city. Mr. Sessions was the first man in Worcester County to have a motor ambulance and has spared no effort to maintain the highest standards in his profession. His son, George Sessions, has been associated with his father during practically all his business career, constituting the fourth generation of the family to carry on the business.

Mr. Sessions has been very active in Worcester civic and social life, performing all the duties of good citizenship and contributing generously to worthy city institutions and enterprises. During the World War he served on many boards and committees and took care of the bodies of many soldiers in that period. He is a member of the Worcester Club; the Worcester Country Club, of which he was first president; the Quinsigamond Boat Club; the Commonwealth Club; the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director; and the Massachusetts Undertakers' Association, of which he is past president; and is prominent in many other societies and associations. Fraternally he is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is also a member of all the Scottish Rite bodies, including the Consistory in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. Mr. Sessions is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends All Saints Church in this city.

In 1902, Waldo E. Sessions, 2d, married Marie Gail Webb of Worcester. They became the parents of five children, of whom four are now living, as follows: 1. Katharine W., who became the wife of G. F. Whitcomb. They have two children: Josephine Ann and Marie Gail. 2. Josephine V. 3. George, vice-president of George Sessions Sons Company. 4. Waldo E., 3d. The fifth child, David D., is now deceased. The present location of Mr. Sessions' business is at No. 71 Pleasant Street. The family residence is situated at No. 22 Whitman Road, this city.

HARRY T. NAYOR—The fortunate possessor of those gifts which go to make the successful caterer to public entertainment, Harry T. Nayor, like his father has devoted most of his career to the theatre in its modern form, the cinema. He is a native of Boston, born July 14, 1892, the son of Isaiah and Rose (Merritt) Nayor, who many years ago came from Austria and settled in New Eng-

land. The senior Mr. Nayor entered the theatrical business. In 1913 he became interested in a New York theatre, in which his son, Harry T., joined him.

Harry T. Nayor spent most of his boyhood in New York City and was educated in the schools of the metropolis. After being graduated from high school in 1911, he studied in a business college of New York. When the United States became involved in the World War, he enlisted in the Engineers Corps, stationed at Washington, District of Columbia. He served until receiving his honorable discharge in 1919 as a second lieutenant of the United States Army. Resuming his theatrical business in New York City, in 1919, he specialized in motion pictures and achieved a remarkable success. He built and owned the Terrace Theatre in Yonkers, New York, which he later sold, and came to Worcester in 1929. Here he accepted a position as manager of the Warner Theatre, which he remodeled, and it became one of the fine motion picture houses of the city. He is a lover of sports, golf being his chief recreation.

On February 12, 1925, Mr. Nayor married Elizabeth Padrasic, a native Pennsylvanian, and they are the parents of a daughter, Irene Sallie, born October 20, 1928.

PAUL BEAGARY MORGAN—To the industrial eminence of Worcester, Charles Hill Morgan and Paul Beagary Morgan, father and son, have contributed importantly. The first mentioned founded the Morgan Construction Company and various other industries, which Paul B. Morgan, after very extensive technical training and experience at home and abroad, carried on and expanded to their present importance. Both men were endowed with executive, constructive and inventive abilities; both entered their careers after careful preparation and both achieved outstanding success.

Paul Beagary Morgan is a descendant of Miles Morgan, who came from Bristol, England, in 1636, to Boston, and shared the honor of founding the town of Springfield with William Pynchon. A statue in his honor was erected in Court Square, Springfield, in 1879, just two hundred years after his death. Deacon David Morgan, son of David Morgan, and grandson of Sergeant Miles Morgan, came from his native town to Brimfield and was town clerk there in 1731. Sergeant Joseph Morgan, son of David Morgan, was born in Springfield, August 19, 1705, and went to Brimfield with his father; served in the expedition against Louisburg in 1758, and at the age of seventy years marched with his company in response to the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775. Sergeant Aaron Morgan, son of Joseph Morgan, was one of the foremost men of Brimfield for many years, serving the town repeatedly as moderator, selectman, assessor and town clerk, and was a soldier of the Revolution. Calvin Morgan, of Brimfield, son of Aaron Morgan, was the father of Hiram Morgan, grandfather of Charles Hill Morgan, and great-grandfather of Paul Beagary Morgan. In all his other lines of ancestry Mr. Morgan was descended from the pioneer English stock. Among his ancestors were the Clarks, Coltons, Coopers, Cooleys, Wolcotts, Shermans, Stones, and many others prominent in the Bay Colony, and especially so in Springfield and vicinity

Charles Hill Morgan, born in Rochester, New York, January 8, 1831, and who died in Worcester, Massachusetts, January 10, 1911, after his school days were over, studied engineering, mechanical drawing, chemistry, and was the head of a dye house before he became of age. He was thereafter employed for a number of years in various mechanical manufacturing enterprises, in 1864 coming to Worcester as general superintendent of Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company, a post he held for twenty-three years. During this period he made many trips abroad studying manufacturing methods of steel and wire mills, and introduced in the home plant, or designed, or invented, many improvements and devices. A steam-powered reel was one of his first introductions; he designed a new mill to supersede the Bedson mill; in 1886 he received patents on automatic reels and thereafter continued to produce inventions used in his industry. In 1888 he founded an engineering business which was incorporated in 1891 as the Morgan Construction Company, in which he was joined by his son, Paul B. Morgan. Mr. Morgan, Sr., was instrumental in the successful development of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, completing the Washburn shops in a crisis in which this institution, still an experiment, was about to fail. He was also a leader in civic, welfare and religious activities, being one of the founders of the Plymouth Congregational Church, a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, and a member of numerous local and national organizations.

On August 4, 1863, Charles Hill Morgan married Rebecca Ann Beagary, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Their son, Paul Beagary Morgan, was born in Worcester, May 7, 1869. The preliminaries of his education were gained in the local schools and Worcester Academy, from which he was graduated in 1887. Matriculating at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he was graduated in the class of 1890. Then he went abroad to study the iron and steel industry and took a special course in metallurgy and chemistry in the Royal School of Mines at Stockholm, Sweden. He also gained some practical experience in the celebrated Munkfors Works of the Uddeholm Company in Sweden. He holds the degrees: Bachelor of Science, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1890, and Doctor of Engineering from the same institution, 1929.

Upon his return to Worcester, he became associated in business with his father whom he later succeeded as president of the Morgan Construction Company and the Morgan Spring Company. Under his management the business of both companies have been greatly extended and various additions made in the buildings and plant. He was president of the Heald Machine Company and a director in the Graton and Knight Manufacturing Company; State Mutual Life Assurance Company; Worcester Morris Plan Bank; Worcester Manufacturers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company; vice-president and director of the Peoples Savings Bank. From 1904 to its consolidation in 1917, he was a director of the Worcester National Bank, and is now a director of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company and the Worcester County National Bank. Mr. Morgan is also a trustee of the Worcester Memorial Hospital, the Home for Aged Women, the Home for Aged Men, and as pres-

ident of the Worcester County Musical Association was influential in promoting the high reputation of the annual festival of the society. He is a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Iron and Steel Institute, and of the Sons of the American Revolution. Among his clubs are the Worcester, Engineers', of New York, and the Tatnuck Country and Petersham Country clubs of Worcester. From 1910 he has been president of the board of trustees of Worcester Academy, and has been the president of the Alumni Association of the Worcester Technical Institute. In politics he is a Republican.

At Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 15, 1893, Paul Beagary Morgan married Lessie Louise Maynard, daughter of William and Mary (Adams) Maynard, of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are the parents of four sons and one daughter: 1. Philip Maynard, born April 13, 1896. 2. Charles Hill, born September 19, 1902. 3. Paul Beagary, Jr., born June 11, 1904. 4. Vincent, born February 2, 1906. 5. Elizabeth, born July 2, 1909.

CLINTON SPAULDING MARSHALL—Successful in his numerous business enterprises, Clinton Spaulding Marshall figured prominently in the affairs of Worcester. For many years he was district manager of the American Steel and Wire Company's plants in this city, until, in 1928, he retired from his active business endeavors in order to devote time to his private interests, including a seventy-acre farm, which was one of his hobbies.

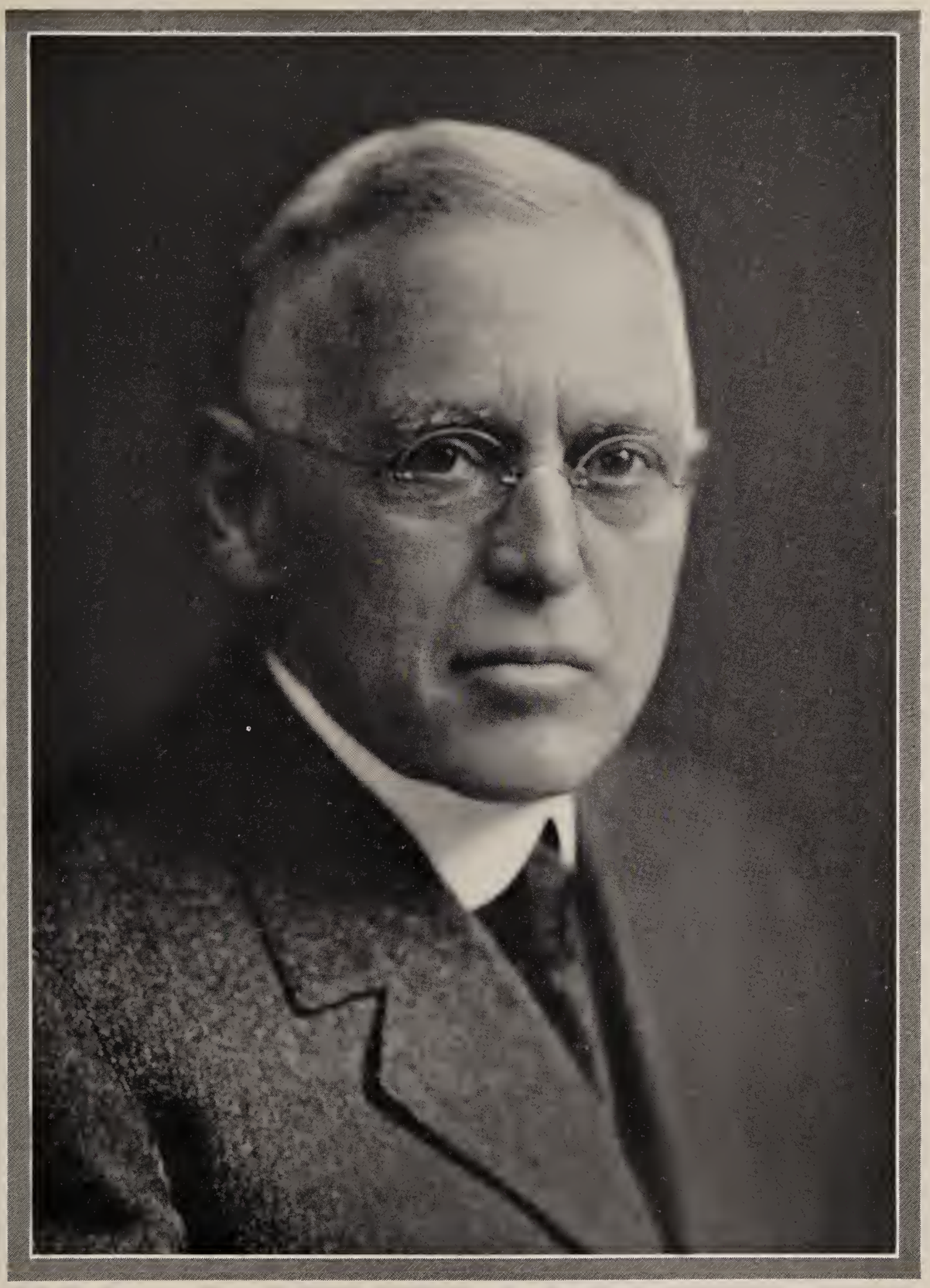
Mr. Marshall was born in Rutland, February 6, 1860, son of Major George C. and Charlotte L. (Harrington) Marshall. His father, an officer in the Civil War, was killed in action in that conflict in 1861 and his mother died in 1918. In the public schools and high school of Worcester and at Wilbraham Academy, Clinton S. Marshall received his early education. At the age of nineteen years he entered the employ of the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company as a helper. For two years he was associated with that organization, going next to the Morgan Spring Company, which advanced him from time to time to positions of great responsibility, until he became and continued for ten years as superintendent of the shops. Resigning from that post, he returned to the Washburn and Moen Mills to organize a department for making springs. In 1902 he was made assistant superintendent of the South Works of this company, which elevated him to superintendent a year later. In 1904 he was made manager for the district. From that time, he had charge of the Worcester Wire Mills, formerly owned by the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company and now by the American Steel and Wire Company, and also of the mills at New Haven, Connecticut, and Trenton, New Jersey. Under his administration, output at the mills was extended in both quantity and variety.

Along with John B. Moss, assistant general manager of the American Steel and Wire Company, Mr. Marshall organized the O. and J. Machine Company, of Worcester, and the two men became directors of the new corporation. Mr. Marshall was also made a director of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, the Morris Plan Company, and a trustee of the Worcester People's Savings Bank and the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He likewise became a member of the Federal Exemption Board during the World War.

Mr. Marshall's retirement, in 1928, from his active mill duties, coming after years of valuable service, was a cause of disappointment among his associates; but he felt that the move was advisable in order that he might better serve his manifold personal interests. In Grafton, near Ripple Lake, he had bought, a number of years ago, a thoroughly modern farm of seventy acres; and there, especially after he had more leisure time, he was able to devote attention to farming, which was a pastime with him.

At one time Mr. Marshall was a selectman of the town of Grafton; and, as a matter of fact, he consistently devoted much thought and effort to civic problems. For five years he served as a member of the Worcester City Guards. A number of organizations claimed him as a member. He was affiliated with the Iron and Steel Institute; the Worcester Chamber of Commerce; the Worcester Club; the Worcester Country Club; the Tatassit Canoe Club; the Quinnipiac Club, of New Haven, Connecticut; a number of fish and game clubs; the Crescent Club, of New York City; and the Pine Orchard Club. He was prominent in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he was connected with Athelstan Lodge, Worcester Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Hiram Council of Royal and Select Masters, Worcester County Commandery of Knights Templar, and the thirty-second degree of the Massachusetts Consistory of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, as well as Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political views were those of the Republican party, though he never sought or held public office. His church was the Congregational. Both through his business activities and by virtue of his civic interests, Mr. Marshall held a merited place of leadership in his city and in this region of Massachusetts; for he regularly put his fullest energies into whatever tasks were entrusted to him and was diligent in promoting the general welfare of his fellow-citizens. The same energy and devotion went into his leisure-time activities, especially those having to do with outdoor life; for he was never happier than when enjoying periods of recreation in the woods, on the lakes, or in motor travel.

No record of Mr. Marshall's work alone would give a complete picture of the man, without some account of his family background. His father, Major George C. Marshall, referred to above, was born at Mechanics Falls, Maine, on September 18, 1827. He was major of the First Missouri Cavalry Regiment in the Civil War and was killed on January 22, 1862, at Knob Noster by a Rebel bushwhacker known as "Arkansas Robinson." Lieutenant Bennett pursued his slayer, whose career he ended by a bullet. Major Marshall's body was taken to Minot, Maine, for funeral services, and he was buried at Rutland, Massachusetts. He and Colonel Merrill raised their regiment at Chillicothe, Missouri; and the Grand Army post at Rutland was named after Mr. Marshall. At the time of enlistment he was station agent of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad. His father, Asahel Marshall, was born in Minot, Maine, and



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was the first settler at Mechanics Falls; his wife was Lucy Calderwood, of Fox Island, Maine, daughter of John Calderwood, who was wounded in a naval battle in the War of the American Revolution. Clinton S. Marshall's great-grandfather was David Marshall, of Dedham; and his forebears included many of the first settlers of the Bay Colony. In fact, all of Clinton S. Marshall's ancestors were New England pioneers or their descendants. Major George C. Marshall married, in Lunenburg, January 8, 1849, Charlotte L. Harrington, born at Acton on October 16, 1827, daughter of Isaac and Relief (Watkins) Harrington, granddaughter of Edward Harrington of Revolutionary fame, and a descendant of Robert Harrington, the pioneer. The only child of this marriage was Clinton S. Marshall, of this review.

Clinton S. Marshall married, March 4, 1880, Florence Bigelow, born in Boylston, Massachusetts, on March 4, 1860, daughter of Charles P. and Rhoanna I. (Ball) Bigelow and a descendant from the founder of the line, John Bigelow, through Samuel, John, Andrew, Solomon, and Charles P. Bigelow, representing the succession of generations down to Mrs. Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall had children: 1. Charlotte J., born in Worcester on November 25, 1887, who studied in the high school here, Monticello Seminary at Godfrey, Illinois, and Lasell Seminary, at Auburndale; she became the wife of P. Alden Beaman, and they have a daughter, Nancy Beaman. 2. Helen B., born in Worcester on March 11, 1892, attended Worcester High School and Lasell Seminary, and married Harold A. Allen, of this city; they have had four children: Marshall, Willard, Barbara, and Charlotte Allen.

Clinton S. Marshall made his home on his farm in Grafton until his death, which occurred on January 1, 1934.

EUGENE SIMEON BELISLE, M. D.—A native son of Worcester, Dr. Eugene Simeon Belisle came to occupy a place of importance in local professional life. In the medical science, he made a special study of urology, and his achievements were worth while and distinctive. His practice was an extensive one, and he was widely and favorably known in Massachusetts and New England, and at the same time he was honored and loved for his delightful personal qualities. Kindliness, generosity, sincerity, these were among his foremost characteristics and won for him the affections and the very high regard of his contemporaries, associates and friends.

Dr. Belisle was born on September 3, 1891, at Worcester, son of Alexander and Albini (Boulay) Belisle and member of an old and honored family. The line has been traced back in Worcester to the grandfather of the physician. He also bore the name of Alexander Belisle, and was born December 28, 1831, at St. Damase, Canada, son of Antoine Levasseur and Marguerite (Delage) Belisle. At the age of eighteen years he came to the United States, where, in the spring of 1847, he found employment in a shoe factory run by Captain Wood at West Millbury. He lived at St. Marcel, Canada, for some years, then came back to Worcester County, Massachusetts, where he remained a shoemaker for the rest of his life, dying in Worcester on March 14, 1903, aged seventy-two. He married, in Millbury, on July 10, 1853, Marie Dorval, born at St. Ours, Canada, in 1832, daughter of Louis and Marie (Benoit) Dorval. Her parents came in 1835 to Millbury, and she died January 31, 1906, aged seventy-four years, in Worcester. They had fifteen children, six of whom died in infancy. Those growing to maturity were: 1. Josephine, wife of Gaspard Dupuis, of Sutton, Massachusetts. 2. Elmire, died in 1897, married Andre G. Lajoie, a grocer at Worcester. 3. Alexander, Jr., of further mention. 4. Felix A., a lawyer. 5. Eugene L., who was business manager of "L'Opinion Publique," a daily French newspaper published in Worcester. 6. George E., a lawyer. 7. Charles Edmond, managing editor of "L'Opinion Publique." 8. Hector L., a teacher and a Harvard graduate. 9. Anna, a music teacher, of Worcester.

Of these, Alexander Belisle, Jr., father of Dr. Belisle, was born at Ste. Victoire, Canada, September 4, 1856. Coming to Worcester with his parents in 1862, he attended the schools here and learned the shoemaker's trade with his father. At the age of twenty-two he became business manager of "Le Travailleur" a French newspaper in Worcester, published by the late Ferdinand Edward Gagnon. In 1887 he associated himself with the insurance office of John D. Washburn. He was active in politics and was the first Franco-American elected to the common council of the city, serving for four years from 1888 to 1891. He was a director of the Free Public Library and one of the best-known French-Americans of Worcester County. In 1877, aged twenty-one, he married Albini Boulay, born at La Présentation, Canada, March 21, 1854, daughter of Narcisse and Hedwige (Laviolette) Boulay, of Acton, Canada. They had eight children, all born in Worcester.

After completing his early education, Eugene Simeon Belisle, of this review, studied at Clark University, there taking his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1912. For his medical training, he went to the Medical School of the Montpellier University, Montpellier, France, where he obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1916. From there he went to the University of Paris, France, to take a course in urology. He then served an interneship at Necker Hospital, in Paris, remaining there for several months as a urologist. Volunteering his services during the World War period, he went into the stricken areas in France and was assigned to duty at Mount La Grave, in the French Alps, to break up an epidemic of meningitis.

Returning to Paris, in August, 1917, he enlisted in the 1st Division, was commissioned captain and made head surgeon of the 6th Infantry. Upon demobilization of the troops, he was commissioned captain with the 102d Field Artillery. Resigning his commission, he then served with the 10th Engineers' Regiment in 1917 and 1918 as a first lieutenant. He also served as a first lieutenant and surgeon in the 2d Brigade of the 16th Infantry, 1st Division, United States Army, American Expeditionary Forces, in 1918 and after the signing of the Armistice was assigned to this division, which formed a part of the Army of Occupation on the West bank of the Rhine. He remained there until the occupational forces finally withdrew from the region in 1919. Three times in the course of his service he was cited for bravery and he won the Croix de Guerre of France and was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross of the United

States. His name was kept on the Reserve list at Washington, District of Columbia, until October, 1922, when he was named chief surgeon of the 319th Ammunition Train of the 94th Division, with the rank of captain.

So much for his military service, which was of great value to his country. Such was the case also with his medical career. In Worcester he took a deep interest in the practice of his profession, after he returned from wartime service and was likewise busily occupied with civic and social affairs. Adding authorship to his other attainments, he wrote, as a result of his war medical experiences, a "Study on Sporadic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis in the French Army at Montpellier, France, in July, 1916," which was published by Firmin and Montane. He was also active in many organizations, including the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, the Council Franchere, L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique, and other groups.

Music was one of his greatest enjoyments. He had an excellent tenor voice and in early life did a great deal of singing. His vocal abilities were impaired, however, by his being gassed in the war. He also played the piano and the concert organ and was deeply fond of good music of all sorts. His favorite recreations were fishing and hunting, though he also enjoyed all other forms of outdoor sports and recreations. Politically he lent his support to the Republican party. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and was affiliated with the Holy Name Society of his parish. He was also a member of the University Club of Worcester.

Dr. E. S. Belisle married, on August 20, 1923, at Worcester, Marie L. R. Denechaud, daughter of Amédée and Virginie Denechaud. The only daughter of this marriage was Jacqueline Belisle, who was born on September 13, 1928.

Dr. Belisle's death occurred on August 4, 1928, and was an occasion of deep and sincere bereavement. His work, as outlined above, was of a very valuable sort and was such as to add to the distinction of a distinguished family. The French-Canadian population of Worcester County has been a vital and contributive force to civic betterment in this region, and Dr. Belisle played no small part in working for community improvement. Had not so many years of his life gone into service to his country, he doubtless would have given still more richly to civic advancement and to the elevation of professional standards here. But he is affectionately remembered today as one of the county's leading citizens and as a man of unusual merit and high standing.

MICHAEL EARLS, S. J., priest of the Society of Jesus, member of the department of literature, Holy Cross College, Worcester, educator, author and lecturer, is a native of Southbridge, born October 2, 1873. He is a son of Martin and Mary (O'Shaughessy) Earls, both from County Clare, Ireland. He attended the schools of his birth town and, as a boy of sixteen years, taught night school in an old Yankee house in Southbridge. In later years he studied in St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, New Brunswick, Canada, and matriculated at Holy Cross College, Worcester, from which he was graduated in 1896. There followed post-graduate work at Georgetown University, Washington, District of Columbia, and in Montreal, Canada, and in Europe. While a student at Georgetown, he taught a Sunday school and played the organ at Fort Myer, Virginia, on Sunday mornings, an experience, like many others of the days of his academic studies, reflected delightfully in his writings of a maturer period.

Fr. Earls entered the Society of Jesuits, at Frederick, Maryland, September 29, 1899, and followed scholastic studies until his ordination at Woodstock, Maryland, in 1912, Cardinal Gibbons officiating. Assigned to Holy Cross College during the following year, this institution has been the place of his labors, educational and other. To many, Michael Earls is the lecturer *par excellence*, famed for his delivery of such lectures as: "The Land of Songs," usually illuminated with music by choir boys; "The Price of Poetry"; "American Dialect Poetry"; "Three Extraordinary, Ordinary Women"—Greek, Hebrew and Gael; "The Society That Reconstructs Society"; "Louise Imogen Guiney"—catholic and Catholic, exquisite poet to whom a memorial room in the Holy Cross Library has been established; "The Arthurian Legend"; "Reconstruction in English Literary History"; "Old Ireland in New England"—the novels of Fr. Boyce, alias Paul Peppergrass. To many the writings of Michael Earls are of major interest. Numbered among these are prose works: "Melchior of Boston," "Marie of the House d'Anters," "The Wedding Bells of Glendalough," "Stuore," and "Under College Towers." Best among his verse are "The Road Beyond the Town," "Ballads of Childhood," "From Bersabee to Dan," and "In the Abbey of the Woods." He also edited "Jefferson and O'Connell," by Claude Bowers, and a rare book about Gilbert K. Chesterton, entitled "Chestertoniana."

CHARLES MICHAEL HERLIHY—Since 1927 Charles Michael Herlihy has occupied the presidency of the State Teachers College at Fitchburg. He is an educator of long experience who has given many years of service to the Massachusetts schools.

Mr. Herlihy was born at Cambridge, on October 1, 1891, a son of John William and Mary Ann (Murphy) Herlihy. His father was a contractor and gardener in Cambridge. On the completion of his secondary education, Mr. Herlihy entered Boston College and was graduated from that institution in 1912 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1914 he took the further degree of Master of Arts and in the same year received his diploma of graduation at Boston Normal School. He began his teaching as a submaster in an elementary school in Cambridge, where he served from 1912 to 1916. In 1916 he was appointed assistant superintendent of schools at Cambridge and four years later became associated with the Massachusetts department of education as assistant State supervisor of Americanization. This office he filled until 1922. From 1922 to 1927 he was State supervisor of Americanization, relinquishing his duties to accept the presidency of Fitchburg State Teachers College in 1927. Mr. Herlihy enjoys the highest professional standing and is well qualified, both as an educator and administrator, for the position he now holds.

Since coming to Fitchburg, Mr. Herlihy has been active in many phases of the city's life, serving

as president of the Rotary Club and vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus, is a Democrat in politics and a Roman Catholic in religious faith. During the war he enlisted in the medical department of the United States Army and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps. He was assigned to reconstruction service at various army hospitals, including Walter Reed Hospital at Washington and other hospitals in New Haven, New York and Boston. After the war, he was a member of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion from 1924 to 1927. He has served since 1926 as a member of the advisory board of the Division of Immigration and Americanization.

Mr. Herlihy is a member of the National Education Association, the New England Association of School Superintendents, the Massachusetts Schoolmasters Club and the Fitchburg Teachers Association. From 1922 to 1924 he was president of the National Department of Adult Education and has written numerous Federal and State bulletins on that subject. He is also co-author of "First Steps in Americanization," published in 1918.

On September 19, 1918, at Cambridge, Charles Michael Herlihy married Emma Cutter of Cambridge, daughter of Charles and Margaret Cutter. They are the parents of three children: 1. Charles Cutter, born in 1925. 2. John Joseph, born in 1927. 3. Mary Isabel, born in 1931.

JOHN NELSON—For many years John Nelson was a familiar figure in New England journalism and in the life of the city of Worcester where his own career was largely spent. His long association with the Worcester "Telegram" and "Evening Gazette," although it was interrupted for varying intervals, was permanently terminated only by his death, and during a period of more than three decades he was one of the most valued members of the staff of these papers. His own literary work covered many fields, but nothing gave him so much pleasure as his writings on the birds and flowers, plants and trees of the New England countryside. He knew it well and loved it with a devotion which was, perhaps, the truest reflection of his inner spirit.

Mr. Nelson was born in Worcester in 1866, a son of Thomas Leverett and Louisa A. (Slocumb) Nelson. His father, a distinguished jurist, was judge of the United States District Court in Boston. John Nelson was educated in Worcester public schools and at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Two of his brothers followed the law, but when he relinquished his earlier plans to become an engineer, he decided instead to enter journalism. In 1890, therefore, he joined the staff of the "Gazette," serving as staff reporter until 1897. At the end of that time he began the association with the "Worcester Telegram" which continued until 1902, when he became New England editor for "The Iron Age," a leading journal of industry. He held this position for fourteen years, resigning in 1916 to undertake a special service for a group of Boston bankers. In 1917, however, he returned to the staff of the "Gazette" at Worcester, covering business and financial news. In the last few years of his life he was an editorial writer for the "Gazette."

Mr. Nelson continued to contribute regular articles on business and editorial topics to "The Iron Age" and undertook to compile a monthly news letter for a Worcester bank, which became a model for similar bulletins on business and industry distributed by national statistical organizations. Among his other special writings were a handbook, "Altitudes of Worcester," and a history of the Yankee Division in the World War, published just at the close of the war. These data he assembled from letters from his son, who had enlisted in Battery A, 101st Field Artillery, from War Department records, newspaper stories and other sources. Although it was prepared in a remarkably short time, this volume was comprehensive in scope and correct in all essential details. Mr. Nelson's greatest work, perhaps, was the present history, tracing the story of Worcester County from the days of the Quinsigamond Plantation, which he had almost completed at the time of his death. He was also the editor of "Sweetser's Guide Book of the White Mountains," which he revised in 1917, and joint author with Dr. Charles F. Brooks of Clark University of a series of short articles, "Why the Weather," which were printed in local newspapers and later put into book form. In 1922 he began his weekly article on nature topics which was featured in the Worcester "Sunday Telegram" for eleven years under the pseudonym "Wake Robin." By this name he was known to thousands of readers throughout Central Massachusetts, who followed his nature articles eagerly. Many were thus induced to share his own pleasure in the study of the fields and woods, and his writings became an unofficial textbook in nature classes of the local schools.

Mr. Nelson's authority as a naturalist was unquestioned. It was born of a lifetime spent out of doors in the mountain country of New England that he knew from boyhood. He had collected and classified the thousands of species of plants, and flowers and shrubs, and carefully studied the birds of the territory, both resident and migrant. One species of lily, which he first discovered, has been named the "Nelson Lily" in his honor. Mountain climbing was his particular avocation. The White Mountain country was an open book to him. He had explored it in boyhood, long before the advance of civilization had opened many trails into this wilderness. Every vacation period found him climbing its great peaks, gathering specimens of typical plants and flowers, collecting the legends and traditions of the mountains. Although in later years he was forced to forego the more strenuous climbs, he never lost his love for the great hills and until the time of his death he was often to be seen on the lesser summits near his home, Wachusett, Watatic and Asnebumskit, observing his feathered friends, the birds, or stooping occasionally to examine some plant which excited his interest. Each autumn he made a special excursion to a swamp he knew, which lay almost hidden on the plateau near the Paxton-Leicester line. Here grew several species of hardy plants, which he combined with others to make a basket, his annual gift to the children's ward at Worcester City Hospital, where it brought pleasure all through the winter to those confined there by illness. Such little kindnesses were entirely typical of the man, a reflection of the warm humanity and largeness of spirit which won him so secure a place in the hearts of those who knew him.

In 1895, John Nelson married Genevieve M. Burke, daughter of Thomas M. Burke of Worcester. They became the parents of one son, J. Leverett Nelson, also a journalist and now a resident of Freeport, Long Island, New York.

Mr. Nelson died at his Worcester home on November 28, 1933, following a brief illness. His death was a personal loss to many Worcester residents, both those who were intimate with him and others who knew him only through his writings. In bringing this record to a close, the following appreciation by George F. Booth, publisher of the Worcester "Telegram" and "Evening Gazette," may be quoted. It appeared over his signature in the "Evening Gazette" of November 29, 1933:

John Nelson, a member of the staff of these newspapers for many years, passed away last night. He started his life's work on "The Gazette" and he has ended his earthly labors on "The Gazette." He was with this paper all of his adult life with the interruption of a few years in journalism elsewhere.

John Nelson was a rare soul. Whatever his trials and burdens for the moment were, he concealed them in that quiet and kindly manner which was his. He was a great lover of Nature, and Nature was to him an open book. Whether in the mountains, in the woods or in the fields, he read her story, and read it understandingly. In the woods he knew the trees and all of them and as well the ferns and the mosses and the shrubs and the berries, all of which go to make up the sylvan beauty. And in the fields he knew the grasses and the flowers and got comfort and peace of mind in his many wanderings among them. He was a friend of the birds and a friend with the birds. He knew all of our birds of this locality, those that stayed here the year round and those that came and went in their season. And he knew when the time for them to come was and he knew them by name and habit. And he loved them and loved them all.

He wrote about them in his column in the "Sunday Telegram" under the name of "Wake Robin." For eleven years he wrote about them, for his own pleasure and for the joy of many thousands who read that column. Many a school child has had his love for Nature awakened and has become a bird lover because of the writings of John Nelson.

A man with these interests, with Nature study as his avocation, a friend of the woods, of the flowers and of the birds could not be other than a man of kindly heart. Such was John Nelson.

A close intimate association with him for thirty-five years found little dross in his character. The associations in a newspaper office breed a comradeship seldom found in other work and that comradeship is not lightly broken. Whatever may befall, the regard is seldom lessened.

By all with whom he came into contact in his work on these newspapers, John Nelson was respected and treated with a deference due to a man of his ability and a man long in the profession. To those who have been his more intimate associates on the editorial staff, those with whom he rubbed elbows, so to speak, with whom he perforce had to discuss affairs of the day and the editorial topics to be treated, the passing from among us of John Nelson is a sad blow. He will be missed and we shall remember him and his kindly soft-spoken way and as time goes on many an anecdote will be told in these newspaper offices about him, as is the wont of newspaper men. All of us will remember him kindly and most of us with deep affection.

HERBERT PARKER—Worcester County folk have always been pleased to claim Herbert Parker, former attorney-general of Massachusetts, as one of their own. He has lived virtually all his life in this jurisdiction, has practiced in the county seat and has served as district attorney of the county and as associate justice of the Second District Court of Eastern Worcester. His home is in Lancaster and his large and exacting practice is centered in Boston, where he has a suite of offices in Barristers Hall.

Born in Charlestown, this State, March 2, 1856, Herbert Parker is a son of George A. and Harriet Newell (Felton) Parker. Shortly after his birth he accompanied his parents on their removal to Lancaster, which town has since been the place of his residence. His preliminary education was received under tutors in private schools, his course including college preparatory work. He satisfied a desire for a liberal education when Harvard College made him a Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1878. In 1905 Tufts College bestowed upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He was most fortunate in his law preceptor, the late United States Senator George Frisbie Hoar, of Worcester, under whom he prepared for the bar. In 1882 he was certified for practice and at once became private secretary at Washington, District of Columbia, to Senator Hoar. In the same year he entered actively into practice and since has given attention to his clients' interests at Clinton, Fitchburg, Worcester, and for many years now at Boston.

Mr. Parker's public service within the pale of the legal profession began in 1886 with his appointment as associate justice of the Second District Court of Eastern Worcester. He held his seat on the bench, displaying fine judicial ability, until 1887, in which year he accepted appointment as assistant district attorney. His capacity as a prosecutor was quickly perceived, and it was a comparatively easy matter for him to capture the district attorneyship of the Middle Massachusetts District, in which office he served until 1899. It was in 1900 that he was chosen by the people of the State for the important post of attorney-general of Massachusetts, taking office early the following year and serving with marked distinction for the term of four years expiring in 1905. Upon the conclusion of his service as the Commonwealth's chief law officer, he established his office in Boston for the practice of law, to which he has since devoted his time and energies. He was counsel to Police Commissioner Curtis at the time of the famous police strike in Boston.

An unusually heavy law practice has not prevented Mr. Parker from accepting many civic responsibilities. Among these have been membership in the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention, 1917-19; member of the Central Legal Advisory Board under the Selective Service Act during the World War; member of the Permanent Legal Advisory Board, No. 14, and enlisted man in the Massachusetts State Guard, during the same period; director of the State Mutual Life Assurance Society, Worcester; trustee of Clark College and Clark University since 1907; member, and now president of board of trustees of the Public Reservations of Massachusetts (also on standing committee); and chairman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary State Commission.

Among his professional affiliations are the Massachusetts Bar Association and Worcester County Bar Association, in each of which he has held the office of president, and the Bar Association of the City of Boston, in which he has been president, and is now a member of its council. He is also a member of the Medico-Legal Society of Massachusetts, the Sentinels of the Republic (direc-

tor), American Ornithologists Union (associate), Military Efficiency Association (vice-president), Boston Society of National History, Nuttall Ornithological Club, New England Historical and Genealogical Society. In politics he is aligned with the Republicans, and in religion is in fellowship with the Unitarian denomination. He is a member, and now president of the Union Club, of Boston.

Herbert Parker married, September 22, 1886, Mary Garney Vose, of Lowell, and their children follow: 1. George A., born October 8, 1887, graduated at Harvard University in 1910, and Harvard Law School. He was a member of the Massachusetts National Guard, and as a lieutenant of Battery A, 1st Regiment Massachusets Field Artillery, he went with his outfit to the Mexican border, and participated in that campaign in 1916. He was commissioned Captain of Battery C of the same regiment, in 1917, which regiment was federalized as the 101st United States Field Artillery, and was sent overseas in September, 1917, for action in the World War. He had part in a number of offensives and was wounded and gassed in action at Chateau-Thierry in July, 1918. Following discharge from the hospital he rejoined his regiment for the St. Mihiel drive and was with the American Army in its advance until the signing of the Armistice. He was promoted to the rank of major, and returned with the 102d United States Field Artillery to the United States in April, 1919. He has since served as commander of the Massachusetts State Police Patrol, which he organized. Following his resignation as captain of the State Police, he was appointed Federal Prohibition Administrator of New England, the duties of which office he administered for more than three years. He retired from this office on his appointment as Registrar of Motor Vehicles of Massachusetts, in which capacity he served for three years, and in 1931, he resigned as Registrar of Motor Vehicles to resume the practice of law, and to take up the duties of trustee of the estate of Lotta M. Crabtree, to which position he was appointed to succeed the late General Clarence R. Edwards. His most recent public service has been as a member of the State Commission on Emergency Public Works. On September 1, 1927, he married Anne Bradford Holden of New Bedford. 2. Katherine V. Parker, received her education in private finishing schools. She became interested in the Auxiliary of the American Legion and in public affairs. An ardent Republican in political faith, she was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1932, and has been president of the Women's Republican Club of Massachusetts. She is now president of the Disabled Ex-Service Men's Exchange, Inc. 3. Edith Parker, studied at St. Timothy's School, Catonsville, Maryland, and was graduated from the Nurses Training School of the Massachusetts General Hospital. She passed the required State examination and was given the rating of registered nurse. She married Thorvald S. Ross, of Boston and Hingham, and has three children: John Herbert, Thorvald S., Jr., and Patricia. 4. Haven, prepared for college at Milton Academy, graduated with the class of 1922 from Harvard University and Harvard Law School, in 1925. He was assistant United States Attorney for the Massachusetts District from 1930 to 1933, and is now engaged in private practice. He married Barbara C. Neville, of Wellesley, on September 1, 1932. 5. Mary Carney, educated at Miss Walker's School at Simsbury, Connecticut, and graduated at Bryn Mawr College, and at present is Alumnae Councillor for New England. For five years she was assistant to the director of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and is now supervisor of Boston Public Works of Art Project. 5. Harriet Felton, also prepared for college at Miss Walker's School, and entered Bryn Mawr, where she graduated. She has been for some time secretary to the assistant dean of Radcliffe College.

MATTHEW JOHN WHITTALL—Matthew John Whittall, founder of the business of the M. J. Whittall Associates, Ltd., born in Kidderminster, England, March 10, 1843, was a son of Eli Whittall, a weaver, who had learned his trade on the crude hand looms of his time, and Elisa Whittall. At the age of fourteen he entered the employ of Messrs. Humphries, carpet manufacturers of Kidderminster. Although he had risen by careful use of his spare time to the position of assistant superintendent, he left the Humphries plant when he was twenty-one and associated himself with T. B. Worth, a carpet manufacturer of Stourport, with whom he remained until 1869. In that year he further enlarged his experience by entering the employ of Fawcett and Spurway, and two years later, in 1871, he came to this country and settled in Worcester, where for eight years he served as superintendent of the Compton Carpet Mills. In 1879, having decided to engage in business for himself, he went back to England and purchased eight Crossley carpet looms. Returning to Worcester, he leased a building from the Wicks Manufacturing Company and on his eight looms began making carpets. From that time to the day of his death, October 31, 1922, Matthew John Whittall devoted himself to the development of a great manufacturing industry, based on the sound Christian policy of a square deal to all purchasers and fairness and consideration in all dealings with his men. As his business grew, it became necessary to enlarge his plant steadily. In 1882 another story was added to the building already in use and eight additional looms were installed. In 1883 a new mill was completed and machinery from the Wicks building and fourteen new looms were put in operation there. In 1884 an extension was added, with twelve more looms, making forty-two in all. By this time a part of the land and all of the buildings of the Pakachoag Mill property had been purchased and another mill was erected, to house seventeen new looms. Six-frame and five-frame Wilton and Body Brussels carpets were now being manufactured so rapidly that three hundred and twenty hands were employed in 1889, when Mr. Whittall erected Whittall Mill No. 2, a two-story brick building for spinning and weaving, and added another story to the spinning mill, which had been named the Edgeworth Mill, in honor of his only daughter. Meanwhile Alfred Thomas, nephew of Mr. Whittall, had come from England and been made a partner in the Edgeworth Spinning Mills which Mr. Whittall had erected on the site of the Packachoag Spinning Mills, wiped out by fire in 1880. Still the business grew and the plant was further expanded. Whittall Mill No. 3, a two-story brick building, was added in 1893, and in the same year the mill of the Palmer Carpet Company, at Palmer,

with its twenty-four looms, was purchased, adding one hundred hands to the necessary working force. In 1897 Matthew P. Whittall (q. v.), the founder's son, became associated with the business, and four years later the William J. Hogg plant, which included the original Crompton Mill in which Mr. Whittall had worked as superintendent twenty years earlier, was purchased. In 1902 a story was added to Mill No. 2, the mills purchased from Mr. Hogg were improved, the water power was developed, and two new turbine wheels were added; and in 1903 the capacity of the old Crompton Mill was doubled. A year later one of the finest dye houses in the country was built. This was equipped with the most modern washers, dyers and drying machines, and its upper story was used for storing worsted yarns. Next, a central power plant distributing to all the groups of buildings replaced the three smaller power plants, and the year 1905 witnessed the erection of a six-story wool warehouse and the addition of a third story and tower to Mill No. 3. From 1906 to 1916 there was a steady increase in the size of the plant. Worcester Carpet Mill No. 3, a four-story building, 145 feet long by 60 feet wide, with a brick building for supply rooms and a piping and blacksmith shop were added in 1906; a four-story building, 266 feet by 60, with offices on the fourth floor, and a coal pocket of ten thousand tons capacity, were added in 1910; and early in 1916 the plant of the Cochrane Manufacturing Company, consisting of seven buildings and a power house, with 600-horsepower water privilege, was purchased. The old machinery was junked and new equipment installed to meet the heavy demands of war work. Meanwhile, in 1906, the business had been reorganized under the name of The Whittall Associates, with Matthew John Whittall as president and treasurer, and his son, Matthew Percival Whittall, as assistant treasurer. Thus the modest industry begun by the much-loved and highly honored Matthew John Whittall has prospered and grown into one of the largest exclusive manufacturers of high quality floor coverings.

The founder of the company was known not only for his development of a vast industrial organization but for his own splendid life of sincere service—to his employees, who regarded him as a true friend and helper, and to his fellow-townsmen and his many personal friends and associates. The regard in which he was held by his employees is indicated by the reception given him upon his return from a trip abroad, May 1, 1922, when sixteen hundred of his workers gathered at the mills to welcome him and, with their emotion and their affection plainly visible in their faces, sang "Auld Lang Syne." Upon coming to his office, he found upon his desk a letter that closed with the following significant statement: "Knowing from past experience that you will meet us more than half-way, and believing that individually and as an industrial family the most prosperous days are ahead of you, we remain, Very truly yours. . . . "

Mr. Whittall was a high Mason, being a member of Isaiah Thomas Lodge at Worcester and a member of all bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Commandery, Knights Templar; Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix; Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; and Massachusetts Consistory. That often sought, but rarely accorded honor—elevation to the thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite—was conferred upon him in recognition of his distinguished career and many years of service to the Masonic Order.

For more than fifty years Mr. Whittall served as warden of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at Worcester and in 1894, after the old church had been destroyed by fire, he presented the parish with a new edifice. This church is largely composed of employees of the Whittall mills, and throughout his life Mr. Whittall took a deep interest in its affairs. The needs of its individual families received his personal attention and over its members he exercised an almost patriarchal care. This interest in St. Matthew's Church has been continued by later generations of the Whittall family. Mr. Whittall also presented a beautiful side chapel to St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, England, which has been named the Whittall Chapel, in his honor. It bears witness not only to his love for his native town but also to his gratitude for the early religious influence which helped him to find so much of happiness and gave him the strength to serve his fellows during his long and useful life.

Matthew John Whittall and his first wife, Ellen Paget, daughter of Henry and Mary (Grout) Paget, were married in Stourport, England, in 1868. She died in November, 1895. Matthew John Whittall married (second), in 1906, Gertrude Clarke, only daughter of the Hon. and Mrs. Henry T. Clarke, of Omaha, Nebraska.

MATTHEW PERCIVAL WHITTALL—Matthew Percival Whittall, present executive head of the M. J. Whittall Associates, Ltd., has been connected with this important Worcester industry during his entire active career. In his varied interests, both in business and civic affairs, he continues the fine tradition so long associated at Worcester with the family name.

Mr. Whittall was born at Worcester, July 6, 1874, a son of Matthew John Whittall (q. v.), founder of the original Whittall Company, and of Ellen (Paget) Whittall. He received his preparatory education at Dalsell school and subsequently entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was a member of the class of 1896. He was transferred to Harvard College as a member of the class of 1898 and upon completion of his course entered the M. J. Whittall Company, large manufacturers of carpets. He was active in the company during its subsequent remarkable development, assuming larger responsibilities in its operation with passing years. When the M. J. Whittall Associates, Ltd., was organized in 1906, he was elected assistant treasurer and, with his father's death in 1922, he succeeded him in the presidency of the company. This office he now holds. Mr. Whittall is also a director of the Institute of Carpet Manufacturers, vice-president of the G. F. Wright Steel and Wire Company and a director of the Worcester Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company. He is a director of the Worcester County National Bank, a trustee of the Peoples Savings Bank and was an incorporator of the Worcester County Institution for Savings.

In spite of the pressure of his large business interests, Mr. Whittall has also been very active in Worcester civic life. He was an incorporator of the Worcester Boys' Club and the Perkins

School for the Blind. He is a member of the Municipal Memorial Auditorium Committee, a member of the board of trustees of the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association and the Worcester Horticultural Society, a member of the executive board of the Worcester Boy Scouts, vice-president of the Worcester Oratorio Society, vice-president of the Worcester County Musical Association and vice-president of the Worcester Natural History Society. Mr. Whittall is also president of the New England Federation of Harvard Clubs, president of the Harvard Club of Worcester, vice-president of the Associated Harvard Clubs, a member of the board of governors of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, a member of the board of governors of the Worcester Club, a director of the Worcester Rotary Club and a member, in addition, of the Harvard Club of Boston, the British Empire Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the New York Yacht Club, the Beverly Yacht Club, the Kittansit Club and the Tennis and Racquet Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Isaiah Thomas Lodge and Matthew John Whittall Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is prominent in this order, being a member of many higher bodies, among them Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix; Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Prince Consort Lodge, Sons of St. George; Worcester Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Worcester Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose. Mr. Whittall is an honorary member of the Worcester City Guard and the Garde Independante. He is a member and Senior Warden of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and a leading Episcopal layman at Worcester, serving as trustee of the diocese, a member of the diocesan standing committee and a member of the board of managers of the diocese. Mr. Whittall's varied interests and fine public spirit combine to make him one of Worcester's leading citizens. He has exercised a wholesome and constructive influence in its life for many years.

On February 20, 1900, at Whitinsville, he married Betsy Whitin, daughter of George Milnor and Julia (Fuller) Whitin. Mr. and Mrs. Whittall have four children: 1. Matthew Whitin Whittall (q. v.), born September 23, 1901. 2. James Paget Whittall (q. v.), born July 25, 1903. 3. Betsy Whittall, born September 26, 1905. 4. Matthew John Whittall, II, born November 22, 1917.

MATTHEW WHITIN WHITTALL—Prominent among the younger men engaged in the carpet manufacturing industry is Matthew Whitin Whittall, who since 1928 has served as assistant treasurer of the M. J. Whittall Associates, Ltd., present owners of the great carpet manufacturing plant established by Mr. Whittall's grandfather, Matthew John Whittall.

Matthew Whitin Whittall, son of Matthew Percival Whittall (q. v.) and Betsy (Whitin) Whittall, and grandson of the founder of Whittall Associates, was born in Worcester, September 23, 1901. He attended the Fessenden School in West Newton, Massachusetts, and then entered the Woodland School at Phoenicia, in the Catskills, New York. He prepared for entrance into the Philadelphia Textile School by a course in the Pomfret School, at Pomfret, Connecticut, but before he could enter the Textile School his health became so poor that he was sent to the hospital for prolonged treatment. In 1920, at the age of nineteen, he entered the Whittall Mills and three years later was made manager of the Seamless Mills. In 1928 he was made assistant treasurer of the M. J. Whittall Associates, Ltd., which official position he still holds. Mr. Whittall is a charter member and very active in the work of the Massachusetts Advisory Board on Air Craft. He is well known in fraternal circles in Worcester and vicinity, being a member of Isaiah Thomas Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Worcester; Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix; Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; and Massachusetts Consistory. He is also a member of Prince Consort Lodge, Sons of St. George. His club interests are many and varied, including membership in the Bancroft Automobile Club, which he has served as president since 1931; Worcester Club; Tatnuck Country Club; Rotary Club; Quiet Birdmen of America; Worcester Fish and Game Club; Worcester Pistol and Rifle Club; Box Four Associates; chairman of Troop No. 68 and civic service chairman of Worcester Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; Worcester Outboard Motor Association; and Beverly Yacht Club. His religious affiliation is with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Matthew Whitin Whittall was married, at Worcester, November 20, 1928, to Bernice E. Plante, daughter of John J. and Mary Plante. Mr. and Mrs. Whittall have one son, Matthew Percival Whittall, 2d, born December 13, 1931.

JAMES PAGET WHITTALL—As vice-president of the M. J. Whittall Associates, Ltd., James Paget Whittall is identified with one of the largest and best known carpet manufacturing plants in the country. He is also treasurer of Worcester Airport, Inc., and one of the active developers of that corporation.

James Paget Whittall was born in Worcester, July 25, 1903, a son of Matthew Percival Whittall (q. v.) and of Betsy (Whitin) Whittall. He is a grandson of Matthew John Whittall, founder of the vast Whittall interests. Mr. Whittall attended the Fay School of Southboro, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1916, and then began his college preparatory course in St. Mark's School, Southboro, from which he was graduated in 1921. The following fall he entered Harvard College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1925. While a student at Harvard, he became a member of the United States Officers' Reserve Corps, being commissioned a first lieutenant.

In 1926, Mr. Whittall became actively associated with the M. J. Whittall Associates, Ltd., continuing the family tradition established by Matthew John Whittall in the last century. (A full account of the company and its founder appears elsewhere in these pages.) In 1928 Mr. Whittall was made manager of the "seamless division" of the business and in 1930 was elected vice-president of the company, which office he has since held. In addi-

tion to his connection with the M. J. Whittall Associates, Ltd., and the Worcester Airport, Inc., he is a member of the board of directors of the St. Pierre Chain and Tire Corporation, giving freely of his natural business ability to all of these enterprises. Like his father and grandfather he is also active in fraternal circles, being member of Isaiah Thomas Lodge and Matthew John Whittall Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order also a member of many higher bodies, including Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; also the following bodies in the Scottish Rite: Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix; Massachusetts Consistory; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Whittall is also a member of Prince Consort Lodge, Sons of St. George; the United States Officers Reserve Association and the Amateur Air Pilots Association; and is greatly interested in the work of the Worcester Area Boy Scouts of America. He has contributed generously to the support of this and other local causes. His clubs are the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club and the Aviation Country Club. His religious affiliation is with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at Worcester, in which all members of the Whittall family have been interested since the grandfather's time.

On June 7, 1930, at Ipswich, Massachusetts, James Paget Whittall married Milicent Ewell, of Worcester, daughter of Arthur Woolsey and Jane (Estabrook) Ewell. Mr. and Mrs. Whittall have two children: 1. Edgeworth Paget Whittall, born April 17, 1931. 2. James Paget Whittall, Jr., born July 15, 1932.

JOHN H. ERESIAN—The record of John H. Eresian covers much more than his association with mercantile establishments. He has developed tracts of land in his adopted city of Worcester and raised the realty values by many thousands of dollars, building homes, reclaiming useless areas, and in other ways contributing to the community advance. In business life he is associated with B. F. Arnold and Company as buyer of meats.

Born in Harpoot, Turkish Armenia, August 20, 1890, Mr. Eresian came with his mother to America in January, 1900, having been preceded by his father by a few years. They settled in Worcester, where the elder Mr. Eresian was employed as a wire drawer at the North Works of the American Steel Wire Company. He is now retired. The son, John H., at once entered the public schools, learning English and other subjects, and completed a course that generally covers nine years in seven years' time. He was unable to pursue his studies further and left school to aid his parents in the support of the family.

His first employment was in the capacity of a clerk for John Eakins at the Belmont Market. Here he made a steady advance and eventually was promoted to buyer and manager of the meat department. In 1912 he entered the employ of J. A. Mansfield, proprietor of a market on Main Street. He opened the Lincoln Cash-Market and operated this department of the Mansfield establishment until 1915, and it was leased to the Worcester Market Company. He stayed with Mansfield until he was called into the military service of the United States during the World War and was assigned to the 42d Regulars until the Armistice, at which time he received his honorary discharge. Returning then to Worcester, he opened two markets, which he operated until 1925, in which year he disposed of them and began to engage in his real estate ventures.

His first attempt was ambitious. He bought the tract of land known as "Salisbury Gables" on Salisbury Street and on it at once engineered a development program which completely changed the face of the property. By building residences and selling them and by disposing of house lots, he finally moved the entire property in parcels to other owners. This was a profit-returning investment, and thus he was enabled to go forward in a similar direction on another project. He purchased six acres of swamp land of the old McKay farm and proceeded to reclaim the tract, which was little better than a wilderness. When he had the land in readiness, he erected two houses; one of these he retained as his own home. This spot is now declared to be one of the showplaces of the city. What once was nothing but worthless swamp, he has changed into a beautiful landscaped area. His own home place has on it a fishpond stocked with trout, a swimming pool eighty-five feet in diameter and five feet in depth, and a natural setting of rock-gardens artistically arranged about pond and pool and at other attractive points. The Eresian estate proper covers about three acres. Much deserved credit has been given to the originator and developer of this charming place by those who observed the fruits of his energy, initiative and artistic sense. In the realty line as in mercantile operations he has shown himself a successful business leader. In November, 1929, his services were solicited by B. F. Arnold and Company and he has since been associated with this firm, having complete charge of the meat department and acting as buyer for the same.

Mr. Eresian married, October 12, 1919, Sarah Nemenian, a native of Harpoot, and they have two daughters: Anna and Flora. The family home is at No. 162 Flagg Street, and Mr. Eresian has his business address at No. 36 Front Street, Worcester.

JOSEPH C. PROUT—The profession of insurance representative has been practiced by Joseph C. Prout with increasing success in the town of Webster for upward of fifteen years. He was engaged in this business in association with his father prior to the latter's death and since has been the sole owner of the agency, which is said to be the largest of any general insurance office carrying all lines with the exception of life in Webster and the vicinity.

The family of Prout has been established in Webster for nearly twoscore years and is well and favorably known there. Patrick Prout, late head of the family, was born in Ireland, and after coming, when young, with his parents to the United States, lived with them in Grafton, Worcester County. They all later went to Webster to reside, and with this community the Prouts have since been identified. About 1896 Patrick Prout opened an insurance agency in Webster and developed the business until he had the largest office of the kind in this part of the county. He was active in the con-

Joseph C Prout

duct of the agency until 1928, in which year he died. He at one time occupied the office of tax collector of Webster. He married Alice Condron, a native of Webster.

Joseph C. Prout, son of Patrick and Alice (Condron) Prout, was born in Webster, August 2, 1897, and received his early education in the schools of his native town. He graduated from high school and spent two years at Holy Cross College in Worcester. For one and one-half years he worked at the Chase Mills. He joined his father in the insurance agency business in Webster in 1918, and this association resulted in success for the office for the ten years that elapsed until the death of the elder Prout in 1928. The son, Joseph C., has been the proprietor and manager of the agency since the father passed away. Practically all the important American insurance companies are represented by Mr. Prout through his agency. He does not, however, write any form of life policy. Through his efforts in extending the privileges of various forms of protection he is rendering a distinct service to his clients and the community. A substantial man, of financial ability, he has been elected to the board of trustees of the Webster Savings Bank. He is affiliated with the American Legion, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Columbus, and Fraternal Order of Eagles. He confesses to one hobby, boating, in which he indulges as a pastime from his exacting business responsibilities.

DR. HARLAN L. PAINE—Since the appointment of Dr. Harlan L. Paine as superintendent of Grafton State Hospital in 1921, that institution has experienced a period of energetic and effective reconstruction and development.

Dr. Harlan L. Paine was born in Rockland, Massachusetts, November 3, 1884, member of an old Colonial family which has been located there for more than three hundred years. He attended the local public schools and after graduating from high school entered Tufts College, at Boston, from which he was graduated in 1908, receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After graduation he entered Cambridge Hospital as an interne. He had always been deeply interested in mental cases and, after completing one year in the hospital, he went to the Insane Asylum at Danvers, Massachusetts, where he remained for five years, making a careful study of numerous phases of insanity and gaining much experience in the treatment of such cases. At the end of that time he went to Gardner, Massachusetts, as a member of the staff of the Gardner State Colony. Gardner State Colony was then taking care of about seven hundred inmates, and while serving as a member of the staff, Dr. Paine also served as assistant superintendent. This was valuable experience, and he made good use of his opportunities. He wished, however, to qualify for the more responsible position of superintendent, in order that he might more fully put into practice the theories which he was steadily developing. A new regulation required that in order to so qualify a candidate must serve for a time as assistant in the office of the commissioner of mental diseases in Boston. Thus it was that, after four and a half years of able service at the Gardner State Colony, Dr. Paine severed his connection with that institution and went to Boston to gain the required experience in the commissioner's office. During his two years of service there he fully demonstrated his ability and his special fitness for the position he desired. He was chief executive officer, Boston Psychopathic Hospital, 1920-21, and in 1921 was appointed superintendent of the Grafton State Hospital, at North Grafton. He took charge September 15th of that year and at once began a vigorous work of reorganization and reconstruction.

Dr. Paine found the institution in a somewhat run-down condition. Both the grounds and the buildings needed attention, and both lacked the attractiveness and beauty which could create the atmosphere that Dr. Paine desired for his patients. He began excavating and building roads, continuing the last mentioned work until he had constructed about four miles of the finest cement roadway and had laid stretches of walks of the finest workmanship. He then began taking out stumps and old and unsightly shrubbery, which he replaced with new shrubbery, well-placed, and with beautiful flower-beds. Sun porches, fitted with Vita glass were also added to some of the buildings. Dining rooms and kitchens were connected with electrically lighted tunnels, in order that food might reach the dining-rooms still warm. Keeping steadily in view the welfare of his patients and the desirability of inducing and keeping a calm and contented frame of mind, he installed a department of physical hygiene, which now includes a beauty parlor for the women, giving care to hair, skin, nails, and feet. This department has been a great aid in raising the morale of the inmates of the female wards, increasing both their self-respect and their sense of well-being. A large cannery has been built, in which thousands of cans of fruits and vegetables are put up each year. A new barn has been built, equipped to house twenty-five horses and one hundred and twenty cows; and the milk production has been raised since he came here from 6,000 pounds to 14,000 pounds per animal.

In 1930 a physiotherapy department was opened for treatment of the female patients, and in 1931 this service was extended to the male patients, under the direction of an expert physiotherapist. Another improvement completed in 1931 is the Chapel-Recreation Hall, in which has been installed apparatus for sound moving pictures and in the basement of which is a recreation room for employees, containing cheerful furnishings, two pool tables, two bowling alleys, and a canteen. As the hospital is eight miles from the nearest city, this room creates an atmosphere of good fellowship and helps to keep employees contented. Moving pictures, dances, and various forms of entertainment, both inside and out-of-doors, are held frequently during the year, and both Catholic and Protestant clergymen attend faithfully to the spiritual welfare of the patients. A Hebrew rabbi also comes once a month. Christmas and all other holidays of the year are appropriately observed. Among the many pleasing improvements, which add to the attractiveness of the place, is the painting of the furniture and walls of the dining-rooms and wards in colorful schemes, in which the handiwork of the occupational therapy department figures largely, and beautifully.

During the year ending November 30, 1931, the daily average population of Grafton State Hospital was 1,437 patients. The year began with 1,606 patients, but two hundred and six patients were

transferred to the new Metropolitan State Hospital, thus relieving, to some extent, the congestion at Grafton. The patients, both men and women, work under the care of therapy experts at all the various tasks of the shops and of the farm, and for the year mentioned above the farm shows a profit of $47,569.20. The forage crop totaled nine hundred and nine tons; vegetables 673,832 pounds; and potatoes, 261,348 pounds. Seventy thousand three hundred and ninety-three pounds of pork, and 7,458 dozens of eggs were produced. In addition to this an immense amount of vegetables were taken care of in the canning kitchen including nine hundred and twenty-two cans (of No. 2½) string beans, swisschard and tomatoes; 4,448 No. 10 cans of string beans, spinach, swisschard, tomatoes, and peaches; four hundred and forty-eight quart jars of vegetables, relishes, and jellies; 3,277 two-quart jars of the same; one hundred and ninety-seven glasses of jelly; and 7,500 pounds of pickles and mince meat. Of ice, 1,084.7 tons were harvested. Women, as well as men, assist in harvesting the crops, under the care of therapy aides, and all patients who can be benefited by such activities are kept healthily busy at useful tasks. Four thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine full-size, water-proof cement blocks and nine hundred and seventy-six half-size were made by the patients at the Oaks group during the winter months. One new road has been constructed chiefly by women and treated with taric. A library is very well operated on a systematic basis, by a woman patient, under the supervision of the social worker, and collection of books are sent regularly to the wards of those who cannot make visits to the main library. A systematic plan for the installation of electric refrigerators has been begun to take the place of old ice boxes in the Administration Building and in Maples B kitchens, an improvement calculated to make a large saving in farm labor, formerly used in carrying ice to these units. During the past year, too, the old carriage shed adjoining the main garage was remodelled into twelve garages for rental to employees, and the old, dilapidated horse shed was transformed into garages, with cement blocks made by the patients, to be used as partitions. During the year, too, an important improvement was the completion of a sun porch between Pines C and Pines D, an absolutely fireproof porch, with cement piers, cement blocks, asphalt roof, floor of Hanotile, silver and Titian red in color, and metal sash containing 4,000 lights of Vita glass. Additional Vita glass windows have also been installed in Pines A, in order that bed patients might have the full benefit of the sunshine. The institution employs one hundred and forty nurses, one hundred and fifty-seven other employees, and seven physicians. In addition to the work in the institution and on the grounds, the hospital management also conducts adjustment clinics in many towns in the county, including Leominster, Belmont, Natick, Lexington and Bedford, Bolton, Carlisle, Harvard and Littleton, Lancaster, and Northbridge. There are conducted with the hope of *preventing* mental diseases.

It is very evident that Dr. Paine has a definite, constructive program, which, year by year, is being carried out. The trustees of the hospital in their report for the year closing November 30, 1931, pay the following tribute to Dr. Paine:

> It is evident more and more each year that the superintendent, Dr. Paine, devotes his ability and energy toward a better hospital. We feel very fortunate in retaining him and we wish to express our appreciation of his untiring efforts and personal sacrifices to achieve what has been done.

Dr. Paine is a member of the Worcester District Medical Society; Massachusetts Medical Association; New England Society of Psychiatry, which he serves as secretary-treasurer; the American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association; Massachusetts Psychiatric Society; and Massachusetts Society for Mental Hygiene. Fraternally, he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons.

Dr. Harlan L. Paine married, June 10, 1914, Amy M. Yeo, a native of Canada. Dr. and Mrs. Paine have four children: Harlan L., Jr., Dorothy M., Marion Y., and Louis H.

PROFESSOR J. EDWARD BOUVIER, M. A.—As head of the music department of Holy Cross College, Professor J. Edward Bouvier occupies one of the chief posts in the world of college music. His long experience and distinguished record eminently qualify him for its responsible duties and under his guidance the department has become famous as a training school for young musicians. Professor Bouvier is well known in music circles both here and abroad, enjoying the highest professional standing.

Born at Swanzey, New Hampshire, on March 18, 1894, J. Edward Bouvier is a son of Charles Bouvier and a descendant of an old French family whose traditional home is at Bordeaux, France. His father, who was a well-known figure in the life of Swanzey for many years, is now retired and makes his home in the old homestead at Swanzey.

Professor Bouvier received his early education in the public schools of Swanzey and Keene, New Hampshire. Upon the completion of the high school course, he entered the New England Conservatory of Music to prepare for his life work. To obtain the funds necessary to complete his musical education, he served as a page in the State Legislature of New Hampshire from 1904 to 1906, obtaining this appointment in competition with five hundred other young men. He was reappointed as a page for a third year, but declined the position since he had then begun to teach music. During his service with the Legislature he made many friends, with whom he has since remained in contact and who, in later years, have given their warm support to his various projects.

At the New England Conservatory of Music Professor Bouvier received a thorough training in all branches of music and specialized in the study of the organ under Professor J. Vernon Butler, of Worcester, and the great organist, John Herman Loud, of Boston. After taking his degree, he began to teach in Boston, taking pupils in organ and piano, but after a relatively brief period removed to Worcester, where his activities have chiefly centered. In this city he continued his private teaching and also became organist and choir director at the First Universalist Church, a connection he retained for nine years. His first college appointment was at Clark University, Worcester, where he was in charge of the music department for five years. He established and maintained the finest standards and succeeded in developing the department to a high level of merit.

Following the entry of the United States into the World War, Professor Bouvier enlisted in the service and was assigned to assist in the development of musical organizations to furnish recreation for the soldiers. He visited sixty-eight cantonments and in each of them organized musical units which were a source of much pleasure and satisfaction to the troops. Subsequently he was recalled to Washington, District of Columbia, and from that point had general control of all the musical activities of the United States Army in the District of Columbia. After the Armistice was signed preparations were made for a gigantic musical festival. This was held on the mall, back of the White House and it was filled at the appointed time by an audience of 250,000 people. A specially trained glee club of college men and the army band were features of the entertainment, and it is estimated that over 200,000 persons in all took part in the choral singing. All were under the direction of Professor Bouvier, who was the moving spirit in the enterprise and who conducted the vast assemblage from a stand fifteen feet high erected in the center of the Mall. At the end of each aisle, subsidiary directors were stationed, who followed Professor Bouvier's beat and led the various sections. This performance, which took place in December, 1918, is probably unequalled in the musical history of the country. Hundreds of congratulatory letters, telegrams and notices in the press bore witness to the success of the undertaking and to the gratitude won by Professor Bouvier for making it possible.

After the war Professor Bouvier returned to Worcester and in 1922 was appointed to direct the musical activities of Holy Cross College. Up to that time there had been no music department in the college and it was necessary for him to build it up from the very foundation. With a full realization of the Herculean task confronting him, he entered upon his new duties with characteristic vigor. At first he organized courses in organ and piano, later added voice culture, and finally founded a complete symphony orchestra of some fifty pieces. At the end of the first year, he, with the college authorities conceived the plan of giving a series of concerts in different cities throughout the country. The first tour met with so much success that they have since continued this program as a part of the regular musical activities of the college. The entire symphony orchestra, together with the vocal chorus of the college, participate in these performances, rendering selections from the standard orchestral and vocal repertory. Complete symphonies by the great masters are played, in addition to shorter orchestral numbers, solo pieces for various instruments and selections for the choral group. About ninety persons comprise the organization, which is one of the most elaborate in college circles and probably the only one of its size traveling in the country. It has received everywhere the widest praise for its efforts and the most generous support of the public. In 1925 Professor Bouvier received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Holy Cross College.

In addition to his work at Holy Cross College, which now graduates many boys annually from its music department, Professor Bouvier has charge of the musical activities in the Junior High School of Fitchburg. He has served in this capacity for the past ten years and has been instrumental in organizing the music department of the school on a highly efficient basis. Professor Bouvier has also organized and conducted many important musical affairs in this vicinity and, when the large municipal auditorium of Worcester was dedicated, gave a remarkable concert in which some 1,200 of the best singers in the city participated, including soloists from all the churches. This performance elicited the highest praise from press and public, not only in Worcester, but throughout all the surrounding country.

In 1930 Professor Bouvier returned to Europe for the summer months, revisiting the old home of his family in France and sixteen continental colleges and universities. He also attended the great Passion Play at Oberammergau and was entertained during his stay in that little Bavarian village by his friend, Anton Lang, the "Christus" of the play. Anton Lang, Jr., son of the famous "Christus," enrolled at Holy Cross College, where he studied under Professor Bouvier and obtained his degree in 1928.

Few men in the United States are better known in musical circles than Professor Bouvier and none has been more successful in his chosen work. Because of the eminent position he has attained, he has been repeatedly solicited to accept other appointments, including the direction of great opera companies, but on account of his many warm friendships here, he prefers to remain in Massachusetts. As one of Worcester's most distinguished citizens, he has been associated with various movements and enterprises of the city. He is particularly active in the Rotary Club of Worcester and when abroad visited many of the clubs of Europe, bringing the greetings of the Worcester Club into many countries.

JOHN J. POWER—During his active business career at Worcester, John J. Power has become an important figure in the life of this city. As president of the Independent Coöperative Bank and of the contracting and building firm, with which the family name has been connected for many years, he is known as one of the city's leading business men. He has been equally active in civic affairs.

Mr. Power was born in Worcester, October 31, 1876, a son of William and Nora (Ahaesey) Power, both of whom were born in Ireland. The father came to America in 1872, settling in Worcester. He entered the contracting business here and was numbered among the first contractors of the city, erecting all kinds of buildings and business structures, principally of frame construction. Among examples of his work may be mentioned the First Catholic Church in Holden. He also did a great deal of work for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas Griffin on Temple Street. William Power was active in the old Builders' Exchange of Worcester until his death.

John J. Power, of this record, received his education in Worcester public schools and subsequently entered Holy Cross College, where he was a member of the class of 1898. He left college, however, to enter business at his father's death, assuming the responsibilities of directing the enterprise which had been established by the elder man and which has been continuously in operation in this city since 1872. Mr. Power maintained the high standards established by his father and with pass-

ing years increased the scope of the business. He has built many important buildings both in Worcester and elsewhere, including the two Boys' Club buildings at Lincoln Square and Ionic Avenue; Horticultural Hall, the police and court building, several large manufacturing plants at Derby Line, Vermont and Rock Island, Canada, and many others.

Recognizing the place for such an institution in the city's life, Mr. Power became one of the organizers of the Independent Coöperative Bank in 1912 and was elected to the original board of directors. He also served as a member of the security committee and was subsequently vice-president over a period of years. With the death of Wallace T. Morley, he was elected president of the bank and has since continued as its executive head. Both in the building up of his own business and in the conduct of the bank's affairs he has revealed the qualities of sound judgment and executive capacity which have brought him the respect of the business community.

Mr. Power has also given much time to public affairs. He served as city councilman for three terms and for two terms was a member of the board of aldermen from the Fourth Ward. Even when not a holder of any public office, he rendered distinguished service to the city as a member of various civic bodies and committees. Mr. Power was a member of Dr. Homer Gage's Unemployment Commission. He has served on committees to welcome important visitors to the city, was a member of the committee which arranged memorial services for the late Senator Hoar; and has taken an active part in other civic affairs. He was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to serve on the Massachusetts State Recovery Board, of which body he was elected vice-chairman. His influence has always been a vigorous and wholesome one in Worcester life.

Apart from his other connections, Mr. Power is vice-president of Worcester Chapter, Associated General Contractors of America; a member of the Worcester Country Club, the Washington Club, the Engineers Club of Boston and the Colonial Club of Westerly, Rhode Island. He is a Roman Catholic in religious faith, being president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Paul's Parish.

On October 31, 1905, John J. Power married Anna Mary Kehoe of Worcester, daughter of Michael and Mary (Keough) Kehoe. Her father was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and her mother was a native of Limerick, Ireland. Mrs. Power is a graduate of Milford High School and Worcester Normal School. She is a member of the advisory board of the Department of Education for the State of Massachusetts by appointment of Governor Ely. Active in social work, she is a member of the Worcester Woman's Club and the Catholic Woman's Club, is treasurer of the Friday Afternoon Club, a member of the Winnepaug Golf Club at Westerly, Rhode Island, and was formerly president of the Guild of St. Agnes in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Power are the parents of three children: 1. John J., Jr., who was graduated from Georgetown University, District of Columbia, in 1933. 2. David, now a member of the sophomore class at Georgetown University. 3. Ann, now a student at Notre Dame Academy, Roxbury, Massachusetts. The residence of the family is situated at No. 15 Ashland Street, Worcester, with a summer home at Watch Hill, Rhode Island.

WILLIAM HENRY CROPPER—For more than a quarter of a century an active figure in Leominster business life, William Henry Cropper came to this city after a varied career with other Massachusetts enterprises. His interests have since centered here and, although he is now retired, he can look back with satisfaction upon a life well spent whose influence has been of constructive value to his community.

Mr. Cropper was born on January 4, 1861, a son of William Shaw and Elizabeth (Percival) Cropper, both of whom were born in England. They came to the United States in the early '50's and settled at Newton, Massachusetts. The father was employed for some years as a dresser in a cotton mill at Upper Falls. He died in 1880. Elizabeth (Percival) Cropper, his wife, died in 1865.

William Henry Cropper received his education in the public schools and at an early age began the active business of life. He was trained in the college of hard knocks, and obtained his experience in the best of all schools—that of life itself. At eleven he became an office boy in the office of the Assabet Manufacturing Company at Maynard, Massachusetts, and during this period continued to attend school. Mr. Cropper remained with the Assabet Manufacturing Company until the year 1886, at which time he was twenty-five years old. Then he removed to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, as bookkeeper for the I. C. Wright Company, a wholesale and retail hardware enterprise, with which he was connected for some nine years. Finally, in 1895, he came to Leominster, being elected to the office of treasurer of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company. Mr. Cropper filled this position with efficiency and success for twenty-seven years. His services were of recognized value to his company and his efforts were a decisive factor in its success. In July, 1922, he retired from the company to enjoy the leisure he had well earned.

In addition to his connection with the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company, Mr. Cropper is a trustee of the Leominster Savings Bank. He has always been willing to give his time and effort for the promotion of worthy community enterprises, and his public spirit is unquestioned. Mr. Cropper has served with commendable fidelity as president of the Leominster Hospital Association. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is prominent in that order, holding membership in all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith a Unitarian.

On September 26, 1892, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, William Henry Cropper married Eliza W. Setchell, daughter of William F. and Augusta (Wadleigh) Setchell, both deceased and both descended of pioneer New England families. Mr. and Mrs. Cropper continue their residence at Leominster.

FRANCIS WHITE FORBES—In the city of Worcester and also in the county, the family of Forbes has figured prominently. Francis White Forbes, native and resident of Westboro, whose name heads this review, has long been active in affairs here, and is esteemed and respected by his contemporaries.

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Mr. Forbes, who is living retired, was born on May 1, 1852, in Westboro, Massachusetts, son of Ephraim Trowbridge and Catharine (White) Forbes. His father was born in Westboro, and his mother in Roxbury, this State. Francis White Forbes is of the seventh generation in direct descent from the immigrant ancestor of the Forbes family in America and the settler in Westboro. There have been, down to the present time, nine generations of Forbeses in the New World; and representatives of three generations are now living, including the grandchildren of the man whose name heads this review. Jonathan Forbes was one of the first thirteen settlers in what is now Westboro. He came from Aberdeen, Scotland, and established the family tradition of farming. There were five generations of Jonathan Forbeses. Then came Ephraim Trowbridge Forbes and William Trowbridge Forbes, the latter of whom was for thirty-six years judge of the Probate Court of Worcester.

Francis White Forbes received his early education in the public schools and at business college in Worcester, and was for twenty-eight years engaged in the dry goods business in Westboro. For nine years he was in the real estate business in Boston. For fifteen years he served as chairman of the Welfare Board of Westboro and has been chairman of the trustees of the Westboro Public Library. He is vice-president of the Westboro Savings Bank, and was for several years a director of the First National Bank of Westboro. For fifty years he has been a deacon in the Westboro Evangelical Church and as the church treasurer rendered him a very useful figure in this branch of life. His long interest in the civic affairs of Westboro and this county and State has marked him as a man among men; and he has derived a great deal of satisfaction from the work that he has done for his community. Mr. Forbes is president of the Algonquin Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Francis White Forbes has been twice married. He married (first) Jane Nason, daughter of Captain Noah Nason; and she died, leaving one child, Helen Cady Forbes, who resides at the old homestead which has been in the possession of the Forbes family for one hundred and fifty years. Mr. Forbes married (second) Fannie E. Hooker, of Chicago, Illinois. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Forbes: 1. Henry Hooker, of Worcester, who is living retired. He married Helen Stoiber of Denver, Colorado. They have children: Catharine and Laura Elizabeth. 2. Florence Eliza, who became the wife of Dr. Thomas H. Ayer, of Westboro. 3. Mary Louise, who became the wife of Howard S. Foster, a civil engineer of Westboro. They have children: Michael, Constance, Ann, Peter and Jane.

Mrs. Forbes has been very active in the affairs of Westboro and of Worcester County, and has been intensely charitable in her attitudes and deeds. She built the Westboro High School, furnishing and equipping it completely and turning it over to the town. She contributed $50,000 to the building of the new town hall, and built the home for the needy known as Kirkside, Incorporated. Mrs. Forbes also built the Forbes Hall of Science of Yankton College, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes built and equipped the Community House and Playground of Westboro. Mrs. Forbes is active in church work, and is the only honorary member of the Woman's Club, of this place.

HAROLD E. KING—The King family and name have been associated with printing of the highest type in New England, for nearly a quarter of a century. George W. King, who died in 1929, founded the establishment known as G. W. King and Son, which since 1910 has specialized in fine grade printing and art work. Harold E. King became associated with his father at the age of eighteen and in recent years has assumed the activities of the firm.

Harold E. King was born at Worcester, December 19, 1892, the son of George W. and Agnes (McManus) King, both natives of Massachusetts. He was educated in the public schools and began his business career in his 'teens. During the World War he enlisted in the army service and was stationed for the greater part of the time at Fort Leavenworth, a member of the Signal Corps. He is a member of the General Devens Post, American Legion. Mr. King is a popular figure in the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and the Advertising Club of the city. He is also a member of several printing, typographical and advertising associations, State and national.

The firm of George W. King and Son holds a somewhat unique place among the printing establishments of the State. There are, of course, many firms doing printing, but few whose quality of workmanship and class of output approaches the art standard. One of the many incidents which indicates the standing of the company among those most familiar with the business, is that of the award to the concern of one of the choicest bits of work done on a press. When the New England Craftsmen Society desired to have prepared and issued a special work to be presented to Warren G. Harding, while President of the United States, the George W. King and Son house was selected to do it. This unique volume entitled, "Three Centuries of New England Achievement," was to represent the highest in printing and art and was printed on paper which had been held in the vaults of a leading paper mill for a quarter of a century. The book was bound in full Levant ornamented in twenty-two carat gold. The company has issued many of the best pieces of work in advertising ever gotten out in Worcester and has a name which stands for perfection in the art and craft of printing throughout New England.

Harold E. King, in 1924, married Hazel W. Estabrook, a native of Massachusetts, and they are the parents of a son, Robert F., born September 12, 1926.

MICHAEL J. O'HARA—For a long term of years Michael J. O'Hara has been one of the active local leaders of the Republican party in Worcester, filling numerous city offices, serving as a member of the Common Council for five years, as alderman for three years, as alderman-at-large for one year and as mayor for eight years. This service to the city commenced in 1915 and extended through 1931.

Michael J. O'Hara was born in Worcester, September 6, 1867, son of Michael and Ellen

(Mulvaney) O'Hara. He received his education in the public schools of his native city and then, with characteristic energy and determination, entered the ice business. Hard work was never an obstacle to Mr. O'Hara, and along with the ice business he also successfully conducted his farm.

Meantime, along with his business activities, Mr. O'Hara had been actively engaged in political affairs. He was always an active Republican and, during the years he served as a member of the city government, there was never a time when Mr. O'Hara was unwilling to fight in a cause which won his approval. When any proposal for municipal betterment had secured his sanction, it also automatically gained a vigorous, fighting leader.

In 1923 he was elected mayor of the city, the term beginning in January, 1924, and in that responsible office he served most energetically and ably. During that time many outstanding improvements were carried out. He was thoroughly familiar with every department of the municipal government, having served a long apprenticeship in both governing bodies and on most important committees, and he knew, with unusual perception, the temperament, the capabilities and the weaknesses of those with whom he was associated. It was no novice in political affairs who placed his hand on the helm of Worcester's "ship of state," when Mr. O'Hara took his place in the mayor's office, and for eight years, he wielded vigorously his well known powers of leadership.

Since then he has been practically retired from business affairs, but he continues to take an active interest in political affairs. There are few matters of municipal public interest concerning which Mr. O'Hara is not consulted by many persons, both of the Republican party and by those of other political affiliations.

He has a farm of about one hundred and fifty acres, which formerly belonged to Daniel B. Wesson, of the firm of Smith and Wesson, of Springfield, well known manufacturers of Wesson revolvers. The house is a model of the highest type of Colonial architecture and most complete in all its appointments. Mr. O'Hara is identified with numerous fraternal and social organizations.

Michael J. O'Hara married, in June, 1899, Lenora King, of Worcester, daughter of Louis D. and Elizabeth (Fitzgerald) King. Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara became the parents of three children: 1. Mary, married Francis J. Higgins, who is successfully engaged in the insurance business. 2. Eleanor, married Joseph McKoan, who is engaged in the oil business; they have two children, Douglas and Joel. 3. Louise, married Thornton S. Farnsworth, and they have two children: Lenore and Thornton S., Jr.

The O'Hara home is located at No. 553 Sunderland Road, Worcester, where the family has resided for the past thirty-three years.

CARL G. BATES—The well-known chief fish and game warden, Carl G. Bates, of Worcester, has had a remarkably active and varied career and one of important achievements. He was born at Huntington, Massachusetts, February 20, 1895, the son of Clarence E. and Ida L. (Hancock) Bates. The Bates family is an old one in New England, the earliest of the name arriving in Massachusetts from England about 1630. A love of the land seems to have been characteristic of most of the generations, and Carl G. Bates is the son of a farmer and was reared upon a farm until he was eighteen. He attended the public schools of his native district and was graduated from the Huntington High School in 1913.

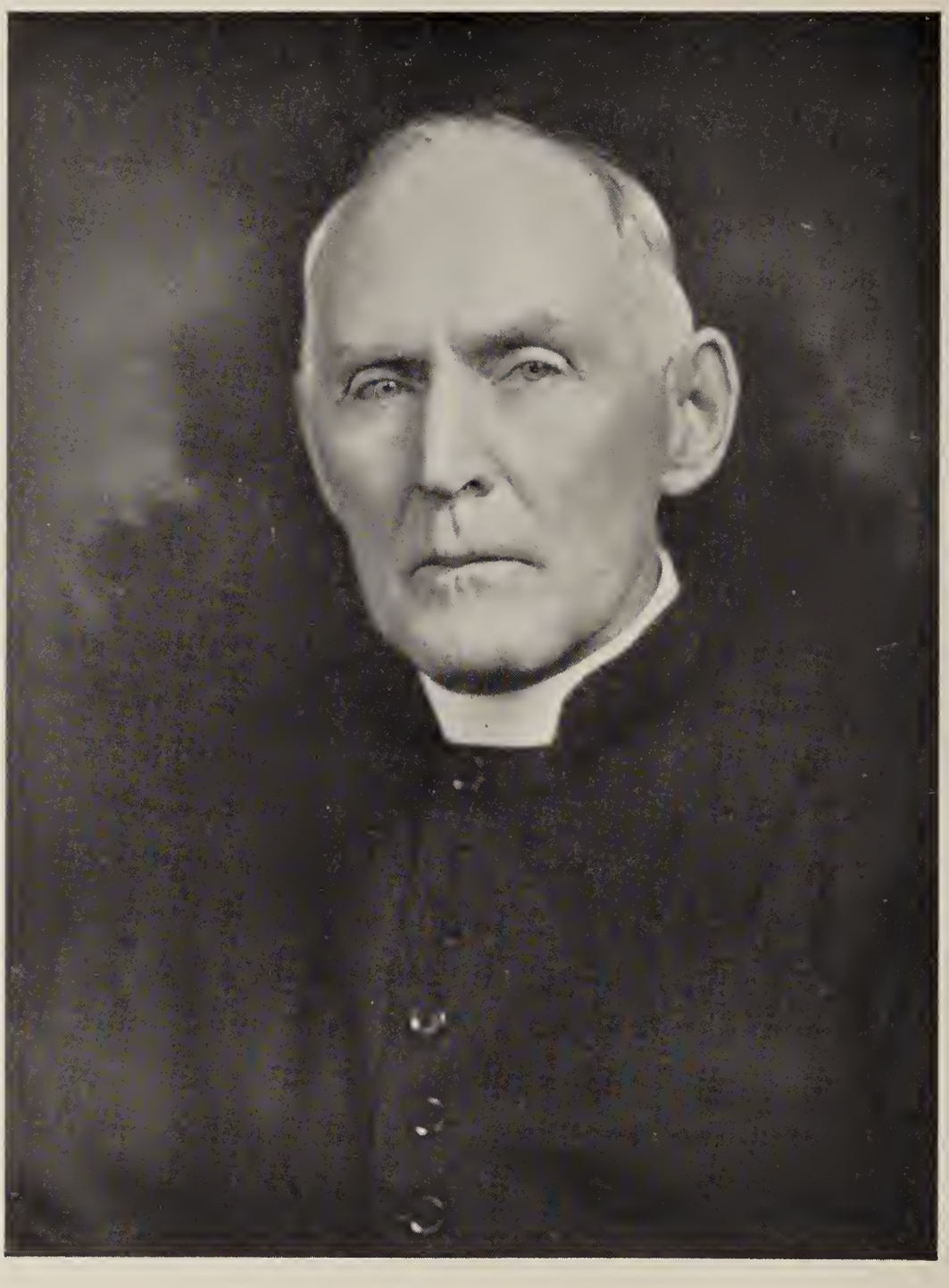
Mr. Bates' first occupation of any importance was school teaching, country schools being the scene of his efforts. Then he removed to Westfield, Massachusetts, where he worked for two years in the wholesale produce business. A few months as an employee of the Springfield Street Railway convinced him that this was not the opportunity he sought. The entry of the United States into the World War changed for a time all plans for a career. Carl G. Bates enlisted in the American Army in 1917, was assigned to the 1st Motor Transport Company, and was transferred to General Headquarters, at Newport News, Virginia, where he was held during the greater part of the conflict. Like many others, skill in the performance of his duties kept him in this country, when he had hoped to be sent overseas. He was discharged in 1919 with the rank of sergeant, first class.

Returning to Westfield after the war, Mr. Bates, for a year and a half, was foreman of the Russ-Jellatine Company. He then went with the H. B. Smith Company, of Westfield, remaining with this firm until 1926. In that year Mr. Bates entered the State service as fish and game warden with headquarters at Warren. On June 1, 1930, he was appointed supervisor with headquarters at Worcester. On July 1, 1931, Carl G. Bates was appointed chief warden, a post he now holds. He has his headquarters at Boston and has charge of the law enforcement activities of the Massachusetts division of fish and game. He is a member of the American Legion, of which he is a past commander.

On October 30, 1923, Mr. Bates married Mary Scanlon, a native of Munson, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two sons: Robert and Richard, twins, born October 16, 1924. Mr. and Mrs. Bates reside at Natick.

PROFESSOR JOHN J. SPILLANE—Since 1922 Professor John J. Spillane has been a member of the faculty of Holy Cross College. Although he has held various chairs of instruction, he now devotes his entire attention to his duties as assistant dean of discipline and in point of service is one of the oldest lay officers of the college. Mr. Spillane knows by name every boy attending Holy Cross and is one of the institution's best loved leaders. He is also well known in political and fraternal circles and during the past fifteen years has been very active in Catholic work, delivering probably more lectures before Catholic assemblages than any other man in the State. He is an eloquent and convincing orator and is much sought after as an after-dinner speaker.

Mr. Spillane was born in Newport, Rhode Island, on December 20, 1899, a son of Michael and Julia (McCarthy) Spillane. His father, now deceased, was for forty years a gardener at Newport. John J. Spillane received his preliminary education in the parochial schools of his birthplace, graduating from grammar school in 1914 and from high school in 1918. Subsequently he entered Holy Cross College, where he completed the four year classical course and took the degree



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of Bachelor of Arts. Two years later he also received the degree of Master of Arts. Immediately following his graduation, his ability and scholarship won him an appointment to the faculty as an assistant in teaching history of philosophy, in which capacity he served from 1922 to 1924, and for eight years he also taught public speaking. In addition to his duties as an instructor, Mr. Spillane was appointed assistant dean of discipline in 1922 and since 1930 has given his entire time to this office. He has the general responsibility in assisting to keep in touch with each of the twelve hundred boys in the college, advising them when such advice is necessary and maintaining the high standards of conduct which is one of the proudest traditions of the institution. In the ninety-one years of its history Holy Cross has followed unwaveringly the principles of education of the Society of Jesus, into whose charge it has been committed, as outlined in the famous *Ratio Studiorum*, with its emphasis on the training of character and the development of the moral and spiritual faculties, as well as the mind and body. The method of teaching has always been primarily tutorial, not professional, and the personal contacts between students and faculty have been stressed with a view to furnishing individual guidance, advice and encouragement to the youths of the college. Mr. Spillane has made it his task to maintain such personal relations with the entire body, to know their special aptitudes and capacities and at what point they may need assistance in order to obtain the fullest benefits of the Holy Cross system. When it is considered, that a new class, numbering some four hundred students, is enrolled annually and that he must familiarize himself with the name of each and come to know them as individuals, the magnitude of his duties becomes apparent. His office requires patience, tact, firmness and understanding, and his success in his work reflects the high degree in which he possesses these qualities. As the assistant dean of discipline of the college administration, he has left the impress of his character upon many hundreds of students, and all have felt for him the warmest personal regard.

In addition to his heavy duties at Holy Cross, Mr. Spillane has been very active in various Catholic organizations and particularly the Knights of Columbus, in which he has held the most important offices during the past fifteen years and is now one of the State officers of the order in Massachusetts. Mr. Spillane was elected State Warden in 1932, having previously served as District Deputy. He is also Grand Knight of Worcester Council, No. 2706, Knights of Columbus, which he organized and was largely instrumental in building up from an initial enrollment of seventy-five to its present membership of two hundred and fifty. Apart from these connections, he has been a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Worcester for fifteen years and for the past three years has been a member of Lehy Court of Foresters, in which he is now an officer. Mr. Spillane has been equally active in politics and public life and is an influential figure in State and county councils of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Jefferson Club at Worcester and during the elections of 1932 was campaign manager in Worcester for Judge Swift of Millford, the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, in which position his talents as an organizer and administrator were given full scope. His persuasive eloquence has made him one of his party's most effective speakers, but this gift has also made him widely known in other fields, and he is considered one of the best and most popular speakers in the State. While Catholic organizations have been privileged to draw most generously upon his time and talents, he has delivered lectures all over Massachusetts for many different enterprises and is a member of the Officers Lecture Bureau of the State. Mr. Spillane is a trustee of the World War Veterans at Worcester and has also served as president of the Depositors' Association of a local trust company to protect the interests of depositors when the bank was obliged to close its doors. His interest in the cause of civic progress is well known, and many worthy movements at Worcester have benefited through his active support and sympathy. Mr. Spillane is a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

He married, on December 26, 1924, Katherine Walsh, of Whitinsville, daughter of William C. Walsh, a merchant of that place for many years. They have two children, a daughter, Joan, nine years old, and a son, John William, seven years old.

REV. JOHN THOMAS CASEY, Pastor of St. Philip's Church, Grafton—For more than eight years the Rev. John Thomas Casey has been the able and faithful pastor of St. Philip's Church of Grafton, in which connection he also serves St. Mary's of North Grafton and Our Lady of Lourdes, of East Millbury.

St. Philip's parish of Grafton had its beginning nearly a century ago, and from 1834 to 1843 the little group of farmers and shoe workers who were then the only Catholic people of Grafton, were ministered to by Father Fitton, of what is now St. John's Church, Worcester. In 1843 Father Fitton was succeeded as pastor of St. John's Church by Father Williams, who continued to serve the little group at Grafton until the coming of Father Gibson in 1845. In 1848 Mr. Benchly of Grafton gave the Catholic people a plot of land for a church, and that same year Father Gibson began the erection of St. Philip's Church, the plans for which called for a building twenty-five by forty feet. In October, 1851, the Rev. Zephenes L'Eveque was made pastor of Millbury and the new parish at Grafton was placed under his care. In September, 1854, the Rev. E. J. Sheridan of Uxbridge was given charge of Millbury and Grafton; and on November 25, 1858, Millbury and Grafton were placed in charge of Father John Power of St. Ann's Church of Worcester, as missions. Father Power, who was a native of Charlestown, Massachusetts, born in 1828, was educated in the public schools, at Holy Cross College, at the Grand Seminary at Montreal, Canada, and at Aix in France, where he was ordained in 1856. He was deeply interested in the Grafton congregation and served it faithfully until July 1, 1869. The rapidly increasing Catholic population of Grafton had by this time outgrown the small church built by Father Gibson, and in the summer of 1866 Father Power built a transept and lengthened St. Philip's Church, increasing the seating capacity to accommodate the needs of the growing congregation. In 1869, when the Rev. M. J. Dougherty became pastor of Millbury, he was also given charge of

Grafton. For the next four months services were held in St. Philip's Church every Sunday, and in November, 1869, Grafton ceased to be a mission, being set apart as a separate parish, with Upton (formerly attended from Milford) as its mission. The Rev. A. M. Baret, D. D., was appointed November 10, 1869, by Bishop Williams of Boston (to whose diocese Grafton and Upton then belonged) first resident pastor of St. Philip's parish.

The Rev. A. M. Baret was a native of France. After receiving an excellent education in his native country, he completed his theological studies in Rome and received the degree of Doctor of Divinity. After serving as professor in a college for a time, he was called to a parish by Cardinal Marlott and appointed a curate at La Madeleine, the most fashionable church in Paris. While there he met Bishop Bacon, of Portland, Maine, and it was through his influence that Father Baret came to America, as his secretary and chancellor. He continued as secretary to Bishop Fitzpatrick, who succeeded Bishop Bacon, until the death of Bishop Fitzpatrick, when he was appointed, by Bishop Williams, pastor of St. Philip's Church at Grafton. There he served until his death. He was one of the most scholarly men of the diocese, owning a library of some five thousand volumes. He was said to have been of noble lineage and was greatly loved by his people, who deeply mourned his death, which occurred early in the summer of 1881. The next pastor was the Rev. James Boyle, who was appointed June 15, 1881. He built a Presbytery and also entirely renovated the old Church of St. Philip. By this time North Grafton had become a mission of St. Philip's parish. Father Boyle purchased a lot there and began the erection of St. Mary's Church, on the main road from Westboro. Until November 29, 1896, services were held in the basement. Meantime, Father Boyle was transferred to Ware, and the Rev. John R. Murphy succeeded him as pastor of St. Philip's and St. Mary's, February 7, 1887. He put stained glass windows in St. Philip's Church, and in 1888 began the task of completing St. Mary's Church in North Grafton. He discarded Father Boyle's plans, as the parish had outgrown the size of the church he had expected to erect, and had new ones drawn by James Murphy, of Providence, Rhode Island, and, in 1896, St. Mary's Church, Romanesque in style, with cruciform outlines, was completed at a cost of $20,000 and dedicated, the dedicatory services taking place November 29, with the Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, Bishop of Springfield, officiating. Father Murphy, who was born in Worcester, October 9, 1849, was educated in the public schools of Holden, at Holy Cross College, where he was graduated in 1876 and took his theological degree at the Grand Seminary in Montreal, Canada, where he was ordained in December, 1879. After a year and a half as curate at Milford, he became curate at Holyoke, where he served until he was made pastor of Grafton in 1887. He was a man of the finest character, who won the hearts of the parishioners at Holyoke by heroic service during a smallpox epidemic. He combined with his sound integrity a keen shrewdness in business, which enabled him to manage St. Philip's parish with marked success. By 1899 the parish owned a church, Presbytery, and stable at Grafton; some three acres of land opposite the church, on which Father Murphy was planning to build a parochial school; and in North Grafton, a church and a large plot of land. He remained here until 1905, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Levi J. Achim. He was here till June, 1910, and was succeeded by the Rev. J. A. Jacques, who was here until March, 1923, and was succeeded by the Rev. Stanislaus Guillet. The latter continued until the present pastor, the Rev. John Thomas Casey, came in 1925.

The Rev. John Thomas Casey was born in Spencer, December 2, 1866. He was of Irish ancestry, his father having come to this country from Ireland prior to the birth of Father Casey. The father settled in Spencer, where he resided and where he was a highly respected citizen for half a century up to his death in 1905. Father Casey attended the public schools of Spencer and then entered the preparatory school at Exeter, New Hampshire. From Exeter he matriculated at Brown University where he remained two years. In 1897 he went to Georgetown University, at Washington, District of Columbia, and after graduating from that institution went to France, where he completed his theological studies and was ordained in the Cathedral at Aix-en-Provence in 1903. He then returned to the United States and received his first appointment to Ste. Anne's, Lenort. Five years later he was transferred to St. Stephen's of Worcester and after one year of service there was sent to the Church of Our Lady Immaculate at Athol. There he remained for eight years, giving most faithful and able service. At the end of that time he was made a pastor and appointed to Ste. Anne's Church at South Ashburnham, where he had charge of a church and a mission at Ashburnham. During this pastorate of six years he cleared the parish of debt and purchased a rectory. He was then transferred to the Church of St. Thomas at South Barre. There he remained for three years, during which time he built a rectory and did much to strengthen the spiritual life of the parish. In 1925 he was transferred to St. Philip's Church at Grafton, where he also has charge of St. Mary's Church at North Grafton and of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes at Millbury. At the time he took charge of the parish East Millbury was a mission of St. Philip's parish. Father Casey felt that Millbury should have a church of its own and gave his energy to the task of erecting a church there. He carried the work forward ably and successfully. the church was completed in 1928 and the congregation at Millbury now holds services in its own well-built house of worship, the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Father Casey has masses in all three churches each Sunday, and has a Sunday school with an enrollment of about three hundred children in the three parishes. There is a Holy Name Society for men; a Junior Holy Name Society for boys; and an Altar and Rose Society for girls and women, all in flourishing condition. In addition to his three churches, Father Casey also serves the large State hospital at North Grafton, which accommodates about 1,400 patients. He is always ready to answer calls for service there and on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation says mass in the hospital. The three parishes now number about sixteen hundred souls, including those of the Catholic faith in Grafton State Hospital. He is assisted in his work by two curates,

the Rev. John Hardiman and the Rev. Edward Reilly.

Father Casey is not only an able man in business matters, serving three churches and a hospital faithfully and well, but he is loved and honored as a man who exemplifies in his own character and personality those qualities and graces which are recognized as the Christian ideal. In his own parish and among those of other faiths he is held in equally high esteem.

ALCIDE MAYOTTE—The second oldest funeral directing business in the town of Millbury is the one owned and operated by Alcide Mayotte, who is also a successful real estate dealer and insurance agent.

Alcide Mayotte was born in Connecticut, March 28, 1885, son of Alphonse Mayotte, a boss weaver who spent his life mainly in Connecticut and died there at the age of seventy years, and of Denise (Tetrault) Mayotte, natives of Farnum, Province of Quebec, Canada. He received his early education in the public schools of his birthplace, and after leaving high school went to New York City, where he entered one of the large hospitals to prepare for the nursing profession. After completing his training he was employed as a nurse for some time, taking care of patients in New York City and in Boston, many of them long cases requiring the greatest skill and the utmost care. These difficult cases he handled with great skill, giving entire satisfaction to those by whom he was employed. From time to time, as he had opportunity during this period, he had given much attention to the study of embalming and, having finally decided to definitely prepare for the funeral directing profession, he finally entered the Renouard Training School for Embalmers, New York City, from which he was graduated in 1918. After graduation he came at once to Millbury, where he purchased the well established business of Herbert A. Ryan and engaged in business for himself. From the beginning he gave careful personal attention to every detail of the work, striving in every possible way to meet the wishes of those who required his services in their times of sorrow. His unfailing courtesy and unobtrusive sympathy, his quiet understanding of and skill in carrying out the wishes of his patrons, and his honest dealing enabled him to build up a large and important patronage, and during the years in which he has been engaged in business he has become widely known and thoroughly trusted, not only in Millbury but throughout a wide area surrounding that town. He carries a full stock of caskets, robes, and everything needed in the funeral directing business, and he has so equipped his establishment that he can handle funerals of any size and cater to all kinds of patrons. His funeral coaches are of the finest models, and he has several hearses, service cars, etc., all of the most modern makes. As the owner of the second oldest establishment of its kind in Millbury, he is widely known, and his excellent service brings him a steadily increasing patronage.

In 1922 Mr. Mayotte added to his successful management of a well established funeral directing business another interest. He engaged in the real estate business, and in this line of activity, as in his first venture, his policy of unfailingly giving excellent service and a square deal enabled him to build up a second successful enterprise. In 1924 he added to his real estate operations the insurance business, and he now represents some of the oldest and most reliable insurance companies in the country. He has made for himself in this line also a reputation which is a valuable asset to his business and which steadily brings to him new patrons. He is a director of the Millbury Coöperative Bank and served in a similar capacity with the Millbury Savings Bank. Along with his varied business activities Mr. Mayotte has always found time to take an active part in local public affairs and for several years has served as a member of the town committee or board of selectmen, which for the past two years he has served as clerk. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Franco-American Foresters, Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association, Millbury Republican Club and the St. Jean Society, a church organization, of which he has been president for the past seven years. His religious affiliation and that of his wife is with the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Alcide Mayotte married, April 16, 1915, Delia J. O'Brien, a native of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Mayotte make their home in Millbury.

EDWARD H. WHITE—After a varied career in the life insurance business and active service with the United States forces overseas during the World War, Edward H. White, in 1928, came to Worcester. He is a native of Winchester, Litchfield County, Connecticut, born September 2, 1894, the son of Junius Marcellus and Nellie (Gillette) White, both natives of Connecticut, the former of whom died in 1924 and the latter in 1913.

Edward H. White grew up on a farm and learned the necessity of hard work. He was given the preliminaries of his education in the local schools and entered Lebanon Valley College from which he was graduated with the class of 1917, holding the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He later was graduated from the American College of Life Underwriters, and was awarded the degree of C. L. V. The entrance of the United States into the World War caused a hiatus in his career, for he enlisted in the army and served overseas with the 34th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, with the rank of second lieutenant. Like many of the young men of his day, he is disinclined to mention anything of the record made while in the service of his country. Later he became a member of the Reserve Officers' Corps, Medical Administration, with the rank of first lieutenant. After the war Mr. White returned home to become associated with the Aetna Life Insurance Company in 1919, in the Boston office. He was transferred in turn to the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, office, and to New Haven, Connecticut, doing splendid work for the corporation. Upon the death of Mr. Russell, of Worcester, in 1928, Mr. White was made the general agent of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, having supervision over the entire Worcester district, with an average of fifty men working under him. He is now engaged in similar work in New York.

Mr. White has the usual interest in sports, lodges and civic organizations. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a Past Master, and has taken the eighteenth degree. In Worcester he was a member of the Wachusett Country Club and the local post of the American

Legion. His religious faith is that of the Baptist Church.

Edward H. White married, in 1919, Jane B. Screen, of Connecticut, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Edith Jane, born February 7, 1920. 2. Edward H., Jr., born June 13, 1929.

FRANK H. FOSS—Well known in Worcester County is Frank H. Foss, of Fitchburg, member of the contracting firm of Wiley and Foss, who has ably served in many public offices and who from 1925 to the present time has represented the Third Massachusetts District in Congress.

Frank H. Foss was born in Augusta, Maine, September 20, 1865, son of Orrin F. and Hannah H. (Fisk) Foss. He received his education in the public schools of his birthplace and in Kents Hill Seminary, at Kents Hill, Maine, and, after completing his course in the seminary, came to Fitchburg, where, in 1893, he engaged in the general contracting business as a member of the firm of Wiley and Foss. He was an able business man, and, eventually, this firm, the oldest of its kind in New England, grew to be one of the largest contracting firms in Massachusetts. But though he was eminently successful in business, his activities as a member of the firm of Wiley and Foss did not occupy all of Mr. Foss's time. Always public-spirited, he early began to serve the city in various public capacities, serving as a member of the city council of Fitchburg from 1906 to 1908; as a member of the board of aldermen from 1909 to 1912; as water commissioner from 1913 to 1915; and as mayor of Fitchburg from 1917 to 1920. An active supporter of the principles and candidates of the Republican party, he was also, during this time, active and influential in the party councils, and his influence has been an important factor in State political affairs. From 1915 to the present time (1934), a period of nineteen years, he has served as a member of the Republican State Central Committee, of which he was chairman from 1921 to 1924, inclusive. In 1924 he was elected to represent the Third Massachusetts District in the Sixty-ninth Congress and was reëlected to the Seventieth, Seventy-first, Seventy-second and Seventy-third Congresses. Ability of a high order, integrity of character, and a personality which wins for him many friends, have combined to enable Mr. Foss to render valuable service to the district which he represents.

In addition to the important responsibilities mentioned above, Mr. Foss is a trustee of the Fitchburg Savings Bank and a member of the board of directors of the Fidelity Coöperative Bank and of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Fraternally, Mr. Foss is identified with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fitchburg; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar, in which he has passed through all the chairs, and which he serves as Eminent Commander. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite bodies, including the Consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. He has also been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (of which he is a life member) for forty-six years and he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is well known in club circles, being a life member of the Congressional Country and the Racquet Club, of Washington, District of Columbia; a member of the Square and Compass Club, Sportsmen's Club, Izaak Walton Club, Fay Club, Oak Hill Country Club, and Boston Athletic Association. His religious affiliation is with the Universalist Church.

Frank H. Foss married, December 2, 1891, Sibyl S. Alden, of Livermore Falls, Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Foss have three children: Ray Alden, Ruth Hannah and Dorothy Sibyl.

KNOWLTON—For more than a century the family of this name has been prominently identified with the industrial development and civic progress of the town of West Upton and the county at large. It was in 1832 that William Knowlton began the manufacture of ladies' hats at West Upton. This business was subsequently continued and enlarged by his sons, and in the course of time the grandsons also came into the business. It remained a family enterprise until 1925.

George W. Knowlton, son of the original founder, was born in West Upton in 1839. He was educated in the schools of West Upton and North Wilbraham and also in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, following which he joined his father, William Knowlton, in the manufacture of ladies' hats. With the death of the elder man, the company was continued as a partnership by Edwin, Eben J. and George W. Knowlton, and with the death of Edwin Knowlton, George W. Knowlton became the senior member of the firm. His able leadership was a decisive factor in the continued success of the company. George W. Knowlton retired from active life in 1896, but it was not until his death in 1925 that the business passed from family control. At that time Eben J. Knowlton sold his half-interest to George W. and Harold Knowlton, sons of the senior George W. Knowlton, and they, after incorporating the company, effected its sale to the Merrimac Hat Company. During the ninety-two years that this enterprise was carried on by the Knowltons, it occupied a major place among the industries of West Upton, giving employment to many workers and contributing to the prosperity of the town. The members of the family, which is one of the oldest in Worcester County, have been active in each generation in civic affairs and have rendered conspicuous services in public life.

George W. Knowlton married Sarah Plummer of Whitinsville, also a member of an old Worcester County family. She was born on Canal Street, Northbridge, where for many years her father ran a general store and was a well-known merchant. At that time boats came up the river from Providence. There were locks here, and later, when these locks were discontinued, the stones were used to build the railroad bridge at that point. George W. and Sarah (Plummer) Knowlton became the parents of five children: 1. Eliza, widow of Joseph L. Keith, of Grafton. 2. William. 3. George W., Jr., who became a member of the Massachusetts State Senate in 1933, fifty years after his grandfather, William Knowlton, had been a member of that body. Senator Knowlton has also been active in the political and public life of West Upton over a long period. 4. Robert T. 5. Harold, of whom further.

Harold Knowlton, son of George W. and Sarah (Plummer) Knowlton, was born at West Upton on September 16, 1882, and received his early educa-

tion in local schools. Subsequently he attended Pomfret School, in Connecticut, and Harvard University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1904. At Harvard he was a classmate of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. After completing his college course, Mr. Knowlton became associated with the family business at West Upton and was active in its management until its sale to the Merrimac Hat Company in 1925. At that time he retired from active business. Mr. Knowlton is affiliated fraternally with Franklin Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Grafton, and is a member of various higher Masonic bodies, including Milford Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Brookline Country Club, the Whitinsville Golf Club, the Tatnuck Club of Worcester and is connected with several civic bodies.

He married, on December 3, 1903, Frances Raffty, of Salem, Massachusetts. Mrs. Knowlton is active in Girl Scout work and in various other spheres of women's interests.

CHARLES GILBERT ALLEN—Since the first settlement of the town of Barre, members of the Allen family have played an important part in its life. Many years ago they were founders of one of the principal industries of this section, and the company thus established is today carried on by Charles Gilbert Allen, whose name heads this review.

The first of the family to settle in Barre was Jonathan Allen, a great-great-grandson of the immigrant ancestor, who came to New England in the earliest period of Colonial settlement. Jonathan Allen was a pioneer at Barre, arriving in the tiny village on horseback with his wife and worldly possessions. His wife's name was Hannah, and their son was Josiah, who married Keziah. In the next generation was George S. Allen, son of Josiah and Keziah Allen. Both Josiah and his son, George S. Allen, were prosperous farmers at Barre in their day. The latter died on February 14, 1845. He and his wife, Lucy B. Allen, were the parents of six children: 1. George Edwin. 2. Lewis Clark. 3. Lucy E. 4. Charles Gilbert, Sr. 5. Sybil Harding. 6. John Harding.

The descendants of Jonathan Allen are now widely distributed. A number of them achieved national distinction, including the Rev. David Oliver Allen, D. D., born in Barre in 1804, graduated from Amherst College in 1823 and died in Lowell in 1863, who was the author of the standard history of India which bears his name. This record is concerned, however, with those members of the family who remained at Barre, where the name of the original settler, Jonathan, is preserved in the name of one of the principal local elevations which has long been known as Allen Hill.

John Harding Allen, sixth child of George S. and Lucy B. Allen, mentioned above, was a lifelong resident of Barre. He was a physician, a graduate of Harvard University Medical School and for more than forty years was superintendent of the Brown Institution for the Feeble-Minded at Barre, achieving a distinguished reputation in a peculiarly difficult and delicate field of medicine. He was also a veteran of the Civil War, enlisting while still a student at Harvard in Company F, 53d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He saw much service in the Department of the Gulf under General Banks, participating in most of the important military operations on the lower Mississippi, including the memorable siege and final capture of Port Hudson and the second Red River campaign. The regiment in which he fought is said to have had a greater number of men killed in action than did the famous British Light Brigade at the battle of Balaklava. Dr. Allen himself was slightly wounded. In later life he was active in the Grand Army of the Republic and was prominent in civic and community movements at Barre.

Charles Gilbert Allen, Sr., was the fourth child of George S. and Lucy B. Allen and, like his brother, Dr. John Harding Allen, was a lifelong resident of Barre. In 1870 he established the company which has since been known as the Charles G. Allen Co., manufacturers of metal working, machinery, farming implements and industrial equipment of other types. He invented the "Yankee Horse Rake," which for years was widely sold to farmers and which is still manufactured by the company which bears his name. Charles Gilbert Allen, Sr., died in August, 1896. He married Lucy Robinson Bacon, and they became the parents of several children, among whom were Harding Allen and Charles Gilbert Allen, Jr., both of further mention.

Harding Allen was born in Barre, on May 26, 1867. He was educated in local public schools, completed a commercial course at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, and subsequently entered the business established by his father, succeeding him as its head upon the latter's death. He inherited much of his father's inventive talent and in 1905 invented the Allen Ball Bearing Drilling Machine, which is now the principal product of the company. Harding Allen continued the fine family tradition of civic service and was active in the support of local enterprises and institutions. He recognized the obligations of his position and was proud to contribute to the progress of the community and the welfare of its people. Mr. Allen died on October 11, 1930. He married, on June 6, 1888, Carrie L. Williams, daughter of Elbridge Williams of Barre.

Charles Gilbert Allen, of this record, was born at Barre, Massachusetts, on November 8, 1875. He was educated in local public schools and in business college. He early became associated with the business established by his father and at the death of his brother, Harding Allen, succeeded him as general manager of the company, continuing in that office. The plant of the Allen company normally employs about one hundred and twenty-five people. From small beginnings it has grown steadily during the sixty years of its existence until it became the most important industry of the community, and its success reflects great credit upon those who have been responsible for its management.

Mr. Allen is also a director of the Barre Second National Bank. He is a member of the executive board of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts and apart from his business connections is a director of the Barre Library Association. Mr. Allen is a member of the Tatnuck Country Club of Worcester. He is affiliated fraternally with Mt. Zion Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and his favorite recreation is golf.

Charles Gilbert Allen married Bessie Williams of Worcester County. They are the parents of two

children: 1. Charles Gilbert, Jr., who also had a son, Charles Gilbert, 4th, the fourth of the family in direct descent to bear this name at Barre. 2. Barbara W.

HERBERT T. MASON—The Quabaug Rubber Company, of North Brookfield, of which concern Herbert T. Mason is president, takes its title from the name of a tribe of Indians, now extinct, who were aboriginal settlers of the territory which is the site of the present town. Massasoit, the famous chieftain of the powerful Wampanoag tribe, was sachem of the Quabaugs in his later life.

About 1910, the Beebe and Richards Rubber Company was established in North Brookfield. Under a plan of reorganization that company was absorbed by the Quabaug Rubber Company in 1916. The board of officers consists of Herbert T. Mason, president; C. N. Mason, treasurer; Frank C. Smith, Jr., clerk. The directors are Frank A. Drury, Frank C. Smith, Jr., Henry S. Grew and Herbert T. Mason. The company employs about three hundred persons in the manufacture of rubber tile flooring, soles, heels, valve packings, rubber tubing, baby carriage tires, doormats, stair-treads and many rubber specialties.

Herbert T. Mason, president of the Quabaug Rubber Company, was born in Taunton, this State, May 17, 1882, a son of James Thompson and Delana (Hewlett) Mason, his father an experimental machinist. After receiving his education in the local public schools, the son Herbert T. accepted employment in a shoe factory, and followed the trade until 1914, when he became a salesman for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, covering the territory described as New England. He remained with this concern for five years, and in 1919 came to the Quabaug Rubber Company as treasurer and general manager. Subsequently he was advanced to president, and under his executive management, the business has grown to large proportions.

He is deeply interested in the aims and work of the Boy Scouts, and a member of the finance board of the local council, giving much of his time and thought to the welfare of this organization. He is a member of the investment board of the North Brookfield Savings Bank and affiliated with the Masonic Fraternity.

Mr. Mason married, July 2, 1909, Florence Gassett, of Bridgewater, and their children are: 1. James N. 2. Betsey T.

FRANK H. WILDER—As an agriculturist and the superintendent of the Leominster State Forest, Frank H. Wilder of Sterling is both well known and highly respected in Worcester County. He comes of families which have played important rôles in the agricultural, professional, civic and governmental affairs of Massachusetts and New England. He grew up on a farm which has been in the possession of the Wilder family since 1787, being born there on April 26, 1903, one of five children, two sons and three daughters of Arthur S. and Ella C. (Abbott) Wilder.

His father was a farmer and lumber dealer, member of the firm of Wilder, Walker and Davis, operators in timber lands and the cutting and making of lumber. He was a selectman of the town of Sterling for nine years and for an equal length of time was on the town board of assessors and a member of the school board. Fraternally he was affiliated with Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and was a popular figure in local politics. His father, Frank L. Wilder, is remembered as a member of the State Legislature and an efficient public servant as the holder of many town offices. Arthur S. Wilder died in October, 1931. Mrs. Ella C. (Abbott) Wilder, who is still living, held leadership in civic affairs. She was a member of the school board of Sterling for nine years, the head of the Ladies' Aid Society of her church on numerous occasions, and for years the treasurer of the Federated Church. She is a sister of Charles G. Abbott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, District of Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilder numbered among their children: 1. Frank H., of this review. 2. Edwin Arthur, instructor in chemistry, Newburyport High School. 3. Florence Caroline, head of the English department, Winthrop High School. 4. Katharine A., teacher of the piano at Rochester, New York. 5. Anna H., teacher in the schools of Whitinsville.

Frank H. Wilder received the preliminaries of his academic education in the local public schools, and then matriculated at the Massachusetts State Agricultural College, from which he was graduated in 1925. For two years of his career he was a school instructor, but forestry has been his main interest since 1927, during which time he has been employed in various capacities by the State Forestry Board. As stated, he is superintendent of the Leominster State Forest, and is engaged in agricultural pursuits. Like the trained men of his vocation, no one product has been singled out as the sole output of his work. He has realized that sending a finished product to market pays better than the sale of the raw materials which go into that product; therefore, dairying is his specialty, although he has the open mind and does not hesitate to change the direction of his activities. Horticulture is another of his interests and fruit growing is taking a larger place in his work and plans. Mr. Wilder is politically a Republican. Fraternally he is affiliated with Trinity Lodge, Clinton, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Sterling Grange, and his college Greek Letter fraternity is Phi Sigma Kappa. For some years a communicant of the Congregational Church, he is a member of the executive committee of the First Evangelical Congregational Society.

On April 30, 1932, Frank H. Wilder married Louise Murdock, of Westminster.

AXEL U. STERNLOF—A native of Worcester, Mr. Sternlof was born September 12, 1894, son of Axel T. and Hannah (Dahlstrom) Sternlof, both of whom were born in Sweden. He attended the public schools, and entered Massachusetts Agricultural College, specializing in chemistry. The entrance of the United States into the World War brought him into the United States service and he was assigned to duty in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where he served throughout the conflict in the chemical industry. His particular work, for much of the time, was the direction of the making of gas masks and the intensive study of the various gasses used at that time. Upon his return to civilian life and to Worcester, Mr. Sternlof became associated with the Arcade Malleable Iron Company as research and experimental chemist. In 1929 he

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resigned to go with the American Steel Wire Company, as assistant chief chemist.

Mr. Sternlof has a deep interest in the affairs and development of his city. In 1926 he was elected councilman from the Sixth Ward. After serving successfully as councilman for three years he was elected alderman in 1929 and in 1931 was chosen president of the board of aldermen, succeeding George H. Grant. He is a member of the Swedish Club, of Worcester, and a number of other organizations. He is a communicant of the Methodist Church and a member of the official board. Humanitarian and welfare enterprises have always received his encouragement and help.

In 1918 Axel U. Sternlof married Emma C. Werme, and they are the parents of four children: Allyn Q., Shirley E., Ruby E., and Tora M. Sternlof.

CHARLES GRANT BOWKER—One of the younger business men of Worcester, of which he has been a lifelong resident, Mr. Bowker is president of the Bowker-Hamblin Tire Company of Worcester and vice-president of the Bowker-Hamblin-Donlon Tire Companies of Fitchburg and Leominster. He was born at Worcester, August 24, 1891, son of Charles Henry and Mary (Grant) Bowker, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts and the latter in Rhode Island. Charles H. Bowker was for many years manager of one of the mills of the American Steel and Wire Corporation of Worcester.

Charles Grant Bowker was educated in the grade schools of Worcester and prepared for college at Hotchkiss School. As a young man he accepted a position with the United States Envelope Company of Worcester and remained with this concern until the entrance of the United States into the World War. On April 6, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Forces, and was sent on May 7, 1917, to the Plattsburg, New York, Officers' Training Camp, where he remained for three months and was then transferred to Harvard, where for a number of months he was instructed by French officers for duty in France. Instead of going overseas at once, however, he was again transferred, this time to Camp Devens, Massachusetts, in 1918. Promoted captain of Company D, 302d Infantry, he sailed for service abroad in July, 1918, his contingent landing at Liverpool, England, from where the boat proceeded to Le Havre, on the Continent. His company was attached to and became a part of the 76th Division which was designated as the replacement division. He was stationed at the Army School of the Line at Langres, France, for two months, when the Armistice was signed and he was transferred to other army service. His duties called him to many parts of France. On May 30, 1919, Captain Bowker returned to Norfolk, Virginia, and later received his honorable discharge at Washington, District of Columbia. At the laying of the corner stone of Memorial Auditorium he made the address in behalf of the veterans of Worcester. He is a member of General Devens Post, American Legion, and a past commander of the organization; he is also the chairman of the Veterans' Council.

Mr. Bowker soon engaged in the tire business and in August, 1920, organized the Bowker-Hamblin Tire Company of Worcester. This concern, of which he is president, has had a notably successful career. Mr. Bowker is also the vice-president of the Bowker-Hamblin-Donlon Tire Companies of Fitchburg and Leominster, Massachusetts. Fraternally he is affiliated with Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is vice-president of the Worcester Area Council of the Boy Scouts. His church is All Saints Episcopal, of which he is a vestryman. He is a member of the Tatnuck Country Club.

Charles Grant Bowker, on October 15, 1921, married Florence Davenport, and they are the parents of two children, Grant Davenport and Elizabeth.

THOMAS F. HARNEY was born in Worcester, May 4, 1871. His parents, James and Katherine (Hayes) Harney, were born in Waterford, Ireland, and both died in Worcester in 1916. Mr. Harney passed through the public grammar and high schools and for a short time after leaving school was employed in the Worcester Post Office, when it was situated on Pearl Street. As a youth he signed articles as an apprentice to N. J. Tucker and Son to learn the processes of manufacture of sanitary plumbing and ventilating devices. On completion of his term he was given a position in the establishment, which finally evolved into the Tucker and Rice Company. With this concern he became associated in increasingly important capacities and in 1925 was elected vice-president. In this office he contributed materially to the company's advance until his resignation over a year ago.

He has accepted civic responsibilities in Worcester and has served as a member of the common council from the Fifth Ward, holding this office in 1900-01. He was the organizer of the first unit of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Worcester and was its first American born president. At one time he was president of four organizations, his terms in this office running concurrently. The bodies over which he presided were the Worcester Central Labor Union, Massachusetts Builders Council, Massachusetts State Plumbing Association, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Worcester. His affiliations include also the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his religious connection is with the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Harney married (first) Mary A. Connor. She died, and he married (second) Pearl L. Perkins. He is the father of eleven children, and has twenty-four grandchildren. The children are: 1. Thomas F., Jr. 2. Frank, served in the World War. 3. William, also served in the World War. 4. Mary, married Michael Torrey. 5. Fred, served with the American Expeditionary Forces in the World War as a member of the 26th Division and was gassed on three occasions. 6. Russell. 7. Theodore. 8. George. 9. John. 10. Elizabeth, married John Donahue. 11. Ellen.

THE BIGELOW FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY—More than half a century ago the Bigelow Free Public Library was established at Clinton, to meet the needs of the community and provide the advantages which only an adequate public library can bestow. The donors were the Bigelow family, long prominent here, for whom the library is named. Andrew E. Ford, superintendent of schools at Clinton, was one of the prime movers in its establishment and early development. Since that time it

has expanded steadily with the growth of the community and today includes almost 100,000 volumes. The annual circulation figure is upwards of 50,000.

In 1878 Miss Fannie M. Green became librarian and was subsequently succeeded in that position by Miss Charlotte Green. A number of years later Miss Helen A. Thissell became librarian, entering upon the duties which she has since so efficiently discharged. She has, at present, a staff of six assistants and is in direct charge of an institution whose modern facilities and capable organization enable the fullest service to be rendered to the community and its people.

Miss Thissell has secured her library training largely through practical experience. She was born in Clinton and has spent her life here, a daughter of Joshua Thissell, who was an architect and civil engineer. Her father was one of the early settlers of the town and was active in all local affairs, serving for many years on the board of education. Miss Thissell was educated in the public schools and at boarding school. Apart from her long connection with the Bigelow Library she has taken part in many community movements, being particularly active in spheres of women's interest.

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH of FITCHBURG, Rev. Simon Forestier, M. S., Pastor—St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church (French), at Fitchburg, of which the Rev. Simon Forestier, M. S., is now pastor, is one of the largest parishes in the Springfield Diocese. It was established in June, 1890, as an off-shoot of the Immaculate Conception Church. The Rev. Joseph Forest was appointed the first pastor and said the first mass in the old Universalist Church at the corner of Main and Circle streets in June, 1890. In the fall of that year he began the erection of a church, which was continued by his successors. Father Forest remained until December, 1890, and was followed by the Rev. C. H. Jeannotte, who served from January 4, 1891, to October 14, 1894. He said the first mass in the basement of the new church on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1892, but it was not until October, 1896, that the church was finished and the dedication held. In September, 1892, Father L. G. Grenier, now pastor of Notre Dame Church at Worcester, was appointed assistant to Father Jeannotte.

After the departure of Father Jeannotte, the Bishop determined to secure the assistance of a religious order in caring for the French people of this parish and called in the Missionary Fathers of La Salette. Four members of the order came to take charge of the church: Father Vignon, Father Gerard, Father Triquet and Father Roux. Father Vignon was the Superior and, therefore, rector of the parish until May 23, 1895, when he was succeeded by Father Triquet, who had as assistants Father Gerard, Father Roux and Father Blanc.

The buildings of St. Joseph's parish are as follows: The church itself, a large, beautiful brick building, commanding a fine view of part of the city and seating 1,000 people. It has a basement that formerly was used as a church and seats about 900. A Presbytery of twenty-six rooms, erected in 1901, conveniently and substantially built for the comfort of the priests. A convent for the use of the Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus, who teach in the parish schools, with accommodations for thirty Sisters. Four school buildings, erected at various times between 1901 and 1926, having twenty-nine rooms with the best of accommodations for 1,500 children. A fine, beautiful club house, two stories high, about 75 by 125 feet, with every convenience for the comfort of the members.

Much of the development of the parish was carried on under Father Triquet, who served here for many years. In 1920 he was sent to Holyoke, but subseuently returned again to St. Joseph's Church, Fitchburg, as a curate, and remained in this position until his death. Father Mollard then served eight years until November, 1926, when the present pastor, Father Simon Forestier, M. S., was appointed to take charge of the church. He has four assistants. The parish of St. Joseph now numbers about 6,300 souls, representing 1,300 families. Seven Masses are said each Sunday, including the special mass for children at 8:30 A. M., at which nearly 1,300 are usually present and which every child in the parish attends.

Father Forestier, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, was born in France. He came to the United States at an early age and received his education in parochial schools and at the novitiate and Seminary of the Fathers of La Salette. Following his ordination to the priesthood on March 20, 1902, he taught Latin and Greek in the seminary for three years. At the end of this time, he was appointed pastor of a church at Hartford, Connecticut, where he served for ten years, ministering to a parish of about 2,500 souls. He was later appointed superior of the Fathers of La Salette at Hartford, and for the next six years was assistant in charge of all the activities of this order. He was then made Provincial of the order, its highest executive position. In 1926 he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church of Fitchburg, where he yet remains. Father Forestier's past experience has been of great benefit to him in supervising the work of this large parish and under his guidance steady progress has been made. The people of the parish are united in their desire to assist him in every possible way, and his unfailing courtesy, charity and great kindness have won him the warm regard of all.

JOHN O. LUSTMAN—Born in Finland, March 25, 1885, John O. Lustman is a son of Karl and Mary Lustman, who remained in their native country, the former having died in 1917; he was a tailor by trade. What little education Mr. Lustman was privileged to obtain was received in public schools of his home district. In 1906 he arrived in the United States and located at first in Waltham, Massachusetts, where he attached himself to the automobile industry. His trade carried him from one large city to another, where the automobile business was carried on. He learned the various processes thoroughly and in 1922 organized the American Auto Body and Welding Company which started business on Thomas Street, Worcester. The growth of the trade made more commodious quarters imperative, so he purchased the land at No. 400 Grove Street. There is little question that Mr. Lustman's plant consists of one of the best-equipped welding and repair shops in New England. Until recently it has been necessary to operate the plant in day and night shifts to care for the unusually heavy influx

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of orders. In normal conditions the company has a force of twenty-six on its payroll. Mr. Lustman is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of several Finnish clubs.

John O. Lustman married, in 1929, Alexandria Santoff, and they have their home at No. 30 Taunton Street, Worcester.

ALVA L. ADAMS—Founder of the manufacturing organization bearing his name, Alva L. Adams, president of the A. L. Adams Paper Company, Inc., has contributed in a large measure to the industrial growth of the county. Born in New Salem, Franklin County, August 19, 1869, Mr. Adams is the son of Andrew B. and Melissa A. (Merriam) Adams, the former a brickmason by trade, who also followed the plasterer's craft. The family is among the oldest of New England families and has been for generations represented in the trades, business and professions. Having received his education in the public schools, he was ten years of age when he began to earn his own livelihood and was put on his own responsibility.

When he reached the age of eighteen years, he obtained employment in a paper mill at Turners Falls, Franklin County, where he learned the processes of manufacture from the raw material to the finished product. After a few years he left and went into New York State, where he worked in different mills, and finally was made superintendent of a mill, owned and operated by the Pettibone-Cataract Paper Company at Niagara Falls. He was thus situated for nine years, and at the end of that time resigned and came to Baldwinsville, Worcester County, and purchased the business which has developed to the size and name as they are now known. Until 1929 he carried forward operations as an individual, and in that year a corporation was formed under its present style, with these officers: Alva L. Adams, president; C. J. Adams, treasurer; and Frank M. Favor, clerk. The company manufactures most kinds of tissue, as toilet, napkin, towel, etc., and its products are distributed in this country and foreign countries. The force of employees numbers twenty-five.

Mr. Adams is a leading townsman and serves on the board of water commissioners and the board of appropriations. He is a director of the Baldwinsville Coöperative Bank. Among his fraternal affiliations are: Niagara Falls Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters, Scottish Rite Consistory, Niagara Falls Lodge of Perfection (charter member), Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (life member), of Buffalo, New York. He is a former captain of the guard, a life member in his "Blue" Lodge of Masons, and member of Baldwinsville Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious fellowship is with the Congregational Church at Baldwinsville.

Mr. Adams married, November 17, 1891, Catharine Billmore, of Watertown, New York, and they have a daughter, Pauline May, who married Lester Day, of Baldwinsville, associated with the A. L. Adams Paper Company, Inc.

REV. LOUIS T. RODIER, D. D.—The Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, which is now presided over by the Rev. Louis T. Rodier, D. D., and is today one of the largest parishes in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, had its beginnings in the last decade of the nineteenth century, when a little chapel was erected at the corner of Southgate and Grand streets, Worcester, by the pastor of the Church of Notre Dame, the Rev. Joseph Brouillet. Early in 1893 this new Franco-Canadian parish was set apart from the mother church and on February 7th of that year, the Rev. Joseph Edmund Perreault was sent by the Bishop to be the first resident pastor. On the Sunday following his coming he said mass for the first time in the chapel and so entered upon the ministry which he was to continue for almost forty years.

Father Perreault was born in the parish of the Assumption, Quebec, Canada, on July 12, 1847. He completed his classical studies in the College of the Assumption in his native village and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on the 18th of August, 1872. For three years he was an assistant at the Church of St. Henri, Montreal, and in 1876 became assistant at the Church of St. Remi. Two years later he was sent as a missionary to Coopersville and Sciota, in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York. He organized the parishes in these places and continued his labors there until he was taken with a serious sickness. Obliged to end his work, he repaired to Sault-au-Recollet, St. Janvier, Quebec, where he remained with Msgr. Ignace Bourget, the aged Bishop of Montreal. In August, 1880, as private secretary to the Bishop, he attended him on his last visit to Rome. Two years later, when his health was somewhat restored, Father Perreault came again to the United States and became a curate at Webster, Massachusetts, where the Rev. Arséne Landry was pastor. In July, 1884, he was named the first pastor of the Franco-Canadian parish at Turners Falls, which had been established by Bishop O'Reilly. He took possession on the 16th day of July, 1884, and remained until 1893, when he was called by Bishop Beaven to Worcester as pastor of the new parish of the Holy Name of Jesus, which the Bishop had then created. Here he served for thirty-seven years and nearly until death ended his faithful ministry. But he was forced on account of ill health to resign some time before that.

In 1893 Father Perreault purchased land for a new church, facing Clark University, for which he paid $11,000. He then began construction of the church edifice which served the parish until 1916. In 1895 he also built the rectory at a cost of $8,000, and in 1898 laid the corner stone for the parish school, which had hitherto been held, since 1885, in the basement of the chapel at Grand and Southgate streets. In 1914 the corner stone of the present church was laid and the building was completed in 1915. In 1930 a new school was completed and this, with the church, rectory and convent now comprise the buildings of the parish. All are situated on a hill, overlooking Clark University Park, one of the most beautiful locations in the city of Worcester, and form a group architecturally harmonious, being built of red brick with white granite trimming. The church itself is one of the finest in Worcester. Entry is made from a flight of granite steps which gives, through the portals, on the three aisles of the interior. At the head of the center aisle stands the magnificent white marble altar, with two smaller altars, one

on either side. Fourteen stained-glass memorial windows, representing principal events in the life of Christ and His disciples and prophets, add to the rich beauty of the scene and to the atmosphere of devotion which the visitor immediately feels as he passes through the portals.

The church and the present church buildings reflect the growth of the parish, largely achieved during the long ministry of Father Perreault. When he first came to the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, he found it small and unorganized, but he left it one of the most flourishing parishes in the diocese. When the parish was founded, it had about five hundred families. Today it has some fourteen hundred families and a total membership of about forty-five hundred. The original school furnished instruction to about one hundred children. Today, the fine new school has about nine hundred pupils and eighteen separate grades, under the supervision of twenty-five Sisters of St. Ann. The convent has accommodations for about thirty Sisters and includes every modern comfort and convenience.

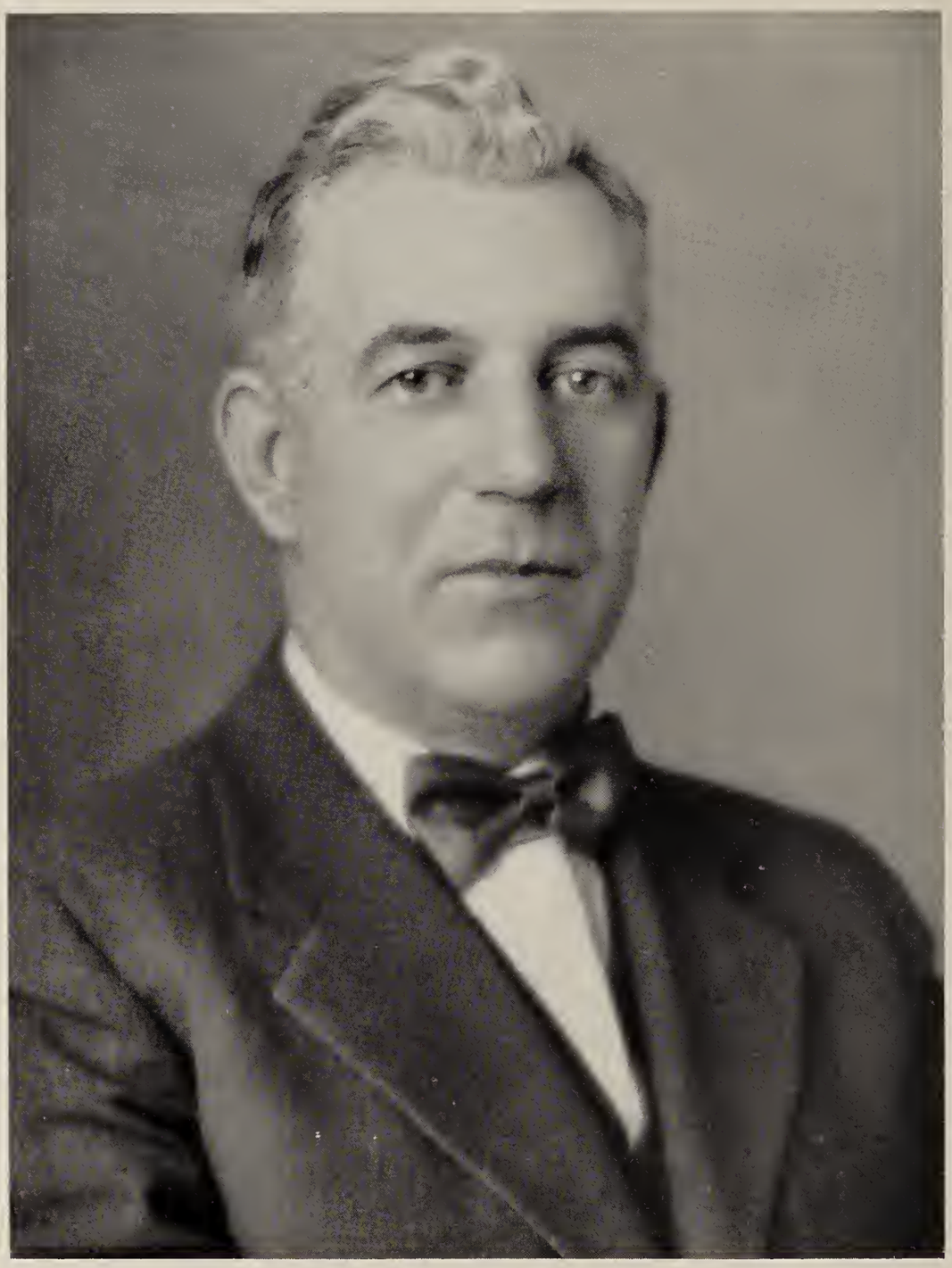
The Church of the Holy Name of Jesus has had in its history only three pastors. Upon the death of Father Perreault of blessed memory, the Rev. Joseph A. Dolph came to Worcester as his successor in 1925 and served until he, too, died, in August, 1933. He built the new rectory, now considered one of the finest in the diocese. He was followed by the present pastor, the Rev. Louis T. Rodier, D. D., who was born in Worcester, July 8, 1872, and was the first Franco-American priest from the city to be ordained to the Catholic priesthood.

Father Rodier is a son of the late Joseph Rodier, who was long engaged in business in Worcester and was a pillar of the mother church of Notre Dame. Father Rodier was born in old Notre Dame parish, was educated in the public and parochial schools of Worcester and, following his decision to enter the priesthood, matriculated in the College of Science and Philosophy at Montreal, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1891. For the next eight years he studied in Europe, spending two years at the University of Paris and six years at the University of Rome, where he took the degrees of Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy. He then returned, in the summer of 1899, to the United States. He was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, D. D., late Bishop of Springfield. He was then assigned to Notre Dame Church in Adams, where he served for three years as curate with Rt. Rev. L. O. Triganne. From Adams the Rt. Rev. L. O. Triganne was sent to Southbridge, and Father Rodier went with him, spending an equal period as assistant pastor of Notre Dame Church. At the end of this time he went again to Europe for four years of post-graduate study at the University of Rome. Upon his return Father Rodier became a curate at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Fitchburg. After fifteen months of service there, he received his first pastorial assignment, being sent to two churches, St. Raphael's Church at Williamstown and, in 1910, also the Holy Family Church at Greylock. Under his militant leadership the parishes, in two and a half years, paid off their entire indebtedness and built up a balance of several thousand dollars in the treasury. In January, 1913, Father Rodier was sent as pastor to the Church of St. John the Baptist at Ludlow, Massachusetts. Here he served for fifteen years, building up the parish in a remarkable manner. He paid off the entire parish debt and built a handsome school and convent. At the close of his pastorate there he left behind him many accomplishments of enduring value and was widely recognized as one of the ablest administrators among the priests of the diocese.

From Ludlow, Father Rodier went abroad on a year's pilgrimage to Rome, Egypt and the Holy Land. On his return to the United States he was assigned as pastor to the Church of the Assumption in Chicopee, taking up his duties there on July 15, 1928. At Chicopee, while never neglecting the spiritual needs of his people, Father Rodier continued to emphasize the necessity for better educational facilities and a more thorough understanding of Americanism in the parish. As a result of his efforts many boys and girls were induced to continue their education through the higher institutions of learning, while the parish school itself was greatly enlarged. During the last year of his pastorate he erected a building containing twelve temporary classrooms to accommodate the larger enrollment at the school. Early in the spring of 1933, Father Rodier also completed negotiations with the Federal Government for the sale of the old school property in Chicopee for the proposed new post office and about the same time the parish, under his direction, purchased a large tract on Springfield Street, where he made plans for the construction of a large modern school.

When he came to the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus at Worcester, in July, 1933, Father Rodier's reputation as one of the most active and successful priests of the diocese had already preceded him. He was doubly welcomed, therefore, both as an inspiring leader, well qualified to undertake this important ministry, and as a son of the city, returning under the auspices of the church to his home. The remarkable demonstration accorded him, as he took up the duties of his new pastorate convinced him at once that his appointment to the parish was looked upon by its people as a genuine homecoming. While he had felt some misgivings that he might not be so successful in the parish where he was born as elsewhere, the exact opposite has happily proved to be the truth. The parish has never been in a more flourishing condition and it is a source of great pride and satisfaction to all that the work is going forward so well. In his church, Father Rodier has all the usual societies, which look to him for guidance and encouragement, and he is assisted in his duties by three curates. His kindness and deep human sympathy have won him the affection of all his parishioners and they have given him many tokens of their zeal to assist him and the church in every possible way. In addition to his work in his own church he speaks interestingly upon various topics of the day and has become well known as an orator.

HERBERT J. GRIFFING—The business career of Herbert J. Griffing, executive of the Norton Corporation of Worcester, began with the famous Quaker Oats Company, of which his father was one of the organizers. He had no particular liking for milling and was soon connected



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with the rubber industry, eventually finding his proper niche as a sales research engineer, the post he now holds with the Norton Company. In order of progress Mr. Griffing left the Quaker Oats Company to go with the Morgan Company, of Akron, Ohio, and was later with the Union Rubber Company of that same city. In 1919 he came to Worcester, where he has since been associated with the Norton Company, at first as assistant sales manager, and was promoted to head of the sales research department.

Mr. Griffing was born at Jackson, Michigan, November 2, 1886, son of William Herbert and Ada L. (Johnson) Griffing. His father was an expert miller and one of the founders of the Quaker Oats Company. He was a native of Albany, New York, and died in 1905. His wife was born at Albion, Michigan, and died in 1924. Their son, Herbert J., was given the advantages of a public school education, which he supplemented by some years of study at Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio. His business career has already been briefly outlined.

Fraternally, Mr. Griffing is affiliated with Adoniram Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the University Club and the Chamber of Commerce, both of Worcester, and attends the Unitarian Church.

In 1925, Herbert J. Griffing married Dorothy M. Nutt, of New Rochelle, New York, daughter of Charles Nutt, well known historian and author of a "History of Worcester." It may be noted that Mr. Griffing is an occasional contributor of articles on various technical subjects to the trade journals of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Griffing are the parents of a son, David T., born March 12, 1926. They reside at No. 32 Bellingham Road, Worcester.

JOHN K. BYARD—Born at Fly Creek, New York, February 27, 1886, John K. Byard is the son of John S. and Della A. (Fitch) Byard, the former of whom was interested in agriculture throughout the most of his life. Both parents are members of old New York State families.

John K. Byard grew up on a farm, was educated in the public schools of his native State and entered Williams College in 1904. Graduated with the class of 1908, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, he matriculated at the Columbia University Law College, from which he was graduated in 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of New York the year of his graduation, he began the practice of his profession in New York City and so continued until 1924. As a lawyer his work for the most part was of a general character, but both in further study and practice he specialized upon corporation law and upon laws affecting the ownership and use of real estate. During the World War period, Mr. Byard was counsel for the French High Commission in connection with the purchase and leasing of real estate and the provision of terminals and other buildings in which to receive and store war munitions prior to their shipment to France. Mr. Byard is a director of several of New York City corporations. In 1930 he was elected vice-president of the Worcester County Bank and Trust Company, in which post his service began on January 1, 1931. He has identified himself with the life of Worcester as a member of the Worcester Club, the Lawyers Club, and of the Tatnuck Country Club, his chief recreation being golf. Art has long been one of his interests, and he is a member of the Salmagundi Club and the National Arts Club, both of New York City. He is also a member of the Williams College Club and the Zeta Psi Club.

Mr. Byard married, January 26, 1916, Dorothy L. Randolph, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILLIE OGG—Golf, in its athletic, social and industrial aspects, has been featured successfully by Willie Ogg, professional of the Worcester Country Club and president of the New England Professional Golfers Association. So thoroughly grounded is he in all departments of the game that he is qualified to inform all-comers on every process of manufacture of clubs and their uses and on each item that takes the player to the finish of a given course. His invention of toe-weighted irons is probably the most valuable improvement of golf clubs made in a generation.

Mr. Ogg's parents, William and Margaret (Bissett) Ogg, of Scotland and Worcester, make their home in this city much of the time, the father being a retired greenskeeper.

Willie Ogg was born in Carnoustie, County of Forfar, Scotland, May 10, 1888, and received his education in the public schools of his native land and at Massachusetts State College in Amherst. At an early age he became actively connected with the professional side of golf by serving as a caddy on the famous links of Carnoustie. As he became older, he was fascinated by the game itself and desired to know all about it, even from the very beginning or mechanical end. So he signed as an apprentice in the making of golf clubs, served his time and eventually was rated as an expert in this department of the industry. Then he went to Edinburgh, Scotland, to be manager for Hendry and Bishop, one of the best known golf supplies houses in Europe, with which firm he remained four years.

Mr. Ogg came to the United States in 1914 and was installed as professional at the Kettle Cove Golf Club that year. In 1915 he was called in a similar capacity to the Dedham Country and Polo Club, continuing in this position for four years. Then he went to the Atlanta (Georgia) Athletic Club, whence he came, in 1921, to the Worcester Country Club, whose professional he has since been. Enthusiasts of the game are thrilled by his brilliant playing, and rarely does he appear on a course, either with novices or pretenders, that he does not have a large gallery. The fame of his fine professionalism has preceded him from coast to coast. In addition to holding the presidency of the New England Golfers Association, he is chairman of the committee on education of the United States Professional Golfers Association. Among the championships awarded him are: "Massachusetts Open," "New England Open," "Maine Open," "Eastern Open," and the "New England Professional."

In 1932 Willie Ogg made what is probably the most revolutionary contribution in modern times to the comfort, power and accuracy of playing golf —a perfect iron club for the imperfect golfer. To

quote the description of these clubs by Gene Sarazan, who, with other champions, is using them:

> Ogg has designed a set of irons on a brand new principle. He has taken some of the weight out of the neck of his iron and put it in the toe of the club. By lowering the center of gravity *via* a lead-weighted toe he reduces the chances of hooking or slicking because the blade no longer lags behind the hands.
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> Lead slugs are inserted in the toe, the extra weight being extracted from the hozel. The Ogg iron reduces the angle of deviation caused by a hook or slice at least twenty-five per cent.
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> Willie Ogg's discovery widens the "sweet spot" —that hitting area on the blade face which is brought in contact with the ball which means a satisfactory shot. The margin of error is decreased. . . . Using an Ogg-mented iron, one can hit much closer to the toe without slicing or sluffing.

Another enthusiast insists that the new club gives three times the driving power with three times the certainty of a perfect shot. And to quote still another:

> Apparently Willie Ogg, a hardworking, conscientious professional who sticks to his teaching pulpit and his workbench instead of gallivanting around the tournament circuit, has originated a club which will make the golfer's trail less onerous even as it smooths the star's orbit.

He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and the Bancroft Automobile Club of this city. His fraternal affiliations include Isaiah Thomas Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Royal Arch Masons; Royal and Select Masters; Knights Templar, all of Worcester; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Boston. In politics he is a Republican; his real hobbies are bridge and football. His religious preference is Presbyterian.

Mr. Ogg married, in 1912, Davina Lowe, of Dundee, Scotland. She died December 1, 1932. The children are: 1. Wilfred, a student at Dartmouth College. 2. Florence. 3. Dorothy. 4. Margaret. 5. Muriel. The two older girls are students at the Classical High School, Worcester, the two younger children are attending grade schools in Worcester.

THOMAS BARRETT—During his long career as a building contractor in Worcester, Thomas Barrett erected many of the city's leading buildings. He first came to this community in 1850, two years after its incorporation as a city, and except for a few brief periods remained a resident until his death.

Thomas Barrett was born in Castle, County Kerry, Ireland, on February 23, 1830, and was educated in the land of his birth. While he was still a boy, he became a stone mason's apprentice and at twenty emigrated to the United States to practice his craft. For two years following his arrival, he lived and worked in Worcester, but at the end of that period removed to Hartford, Connecticut, where he spent three years in learning the brick-laying, plastering and allied trades as they were practiced in this country. He returned to Worcester in 1856 and became associated with A. C. Lovell, one of the city's leading builders.

In 1868 Thomas Barrett went into business for himself, obtaining as his first large contract the construction of the Hotel Belmont, at Lake Quinsigamond, on Ramhorn Island near Lincoln Park. Some seven years later he disposed of his business as a mason and formed a partnership with James W. Doon, under the firm name of Doon and Barrett, dealers in flour and grains. The change was only temporary, brought about by events of the times which had sharply reduced the number of building projects in Worcester. After a year or two the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Barrett again established himself as a building contractor, specializing in masonry work. This was in 1883. He continued his business without interruption thereafter until his retirement in 1905, a period of twenty-two years.

Mr. Barrett was the contractor for the masonry work of the first State Armory in Worcester, located on Waldo Street and now used as police headquarters. From the many other Worcester buildings, which he constructed in their entirety or for which he had the mason and stone-work contract, the following partial list may be made: Woodland Street Grammar School building; Winlow Street, Gage Street, Chandler Street, Millbury Street, Finland Street and Lamartine Street Grammar School buildings; English High School; St. Vincent's Hospital; St. Vincent's Home for the Aged; Park Theatre on Front Street; Lothrop's Opera House on Pleasant Street, later the Pleasant Theatre; Father Mathew Hall on Green Street; and the new stone building of the State Normal School. He also rebuilt the old State Normal School and erected St. John's Catholic Church in Leicester, the Congregational Church in Spencer and the town hall in Uxbridge. Mills and factories which he constructed include: Charles Allen and Son boiler shops; Walker building in Barton Place (remodeled); Whittall Carpet Mills in South Worcester; Union Water Meter Company shop; J. C. French's shop on Hermon Street; Johnson and Barrett's shop on Foster Street; Whitcomb Machine Company shop on Sargent Street; H. Henry Whitcomb envelope shop on Prescott Street; Draper machine shop on Gold Street; Crompton Loom Works shop on Cambridge Street; Electric Light Company buildings on Faraday Street and others. The business blocks built by him include: Taylor Block at Main and Chatham streets; C. F. Sherer Company store on Front Street and Sherwood Block on the same street; Taylor Building on Front Street; L. G. White Building on Bridge Street; Harrington Block; Richard Healy Block and R. C. Taylor Block on Main Street, which he rebuilt. He also constructed the following apartment houses: Forrest at Main and Austin streets; Denholm on Wellington Street; Sheedy's, on Belmont Street; Thomas H. Hall building on Wellington Street; the W. E. Halls block on Wellington Street; and the Houghton block on Park Street.

Mr. Barrett was a member of the Builders Exchange of Worcester, the Mechanics Association and the Chamber of Commerce. He was an incorporator and trustee of the Bay State Savings Bank and a trustee of St. Vincent's Hospital. When the Roman Catholic parish of St. Paul was formed in Worcester in 1869, he was one of its first members and throughout all his life continued his liberal support of religious and welfare work.

Thomas Barrett married Johanna McGillicuddy, of Worcester, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Dr. Thomas James Barrett (q. v.). 2. Ellen, a resident of Worcester. 3. Elizabeth J., wife of John J. Linehan. 4. Mary, who married Thomas H. Sullivan.

Thomas Barrett died at Worcester on November 4, 1916, in his eighty-seventh year. Although as age came upon him, he relinquished many of his former responsibilities, he continued to take an active interest in the city's life until the last.

THOMAS JAMES BARRETT, D. D. S.—For almost half a century, Dr. Thomas James Barrett was an active figure in Worcester life. His distinguished professional career and many services to the city made him one of its best known residents.

Dr. Barrett was born at Hartford, Connecticut, on November 15, 1865, a son of Thomas Barrett (q. v.), pioneer Worcester builder and Johanna (McGillicuddy) Barrett. His parents, who were residing in Hartford only temporarily, returned to Worcester before he was a year old and his preliminary education was received in the schools of this city. Following his graduation from English High School, he entered the University of Pennsylvania to prepare for his professional career, taking the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1885. In the same year he began active practice in Worcester. While he was still under thirty, he was appointed a member of the Massachusetts Board of Dental Examiners by Governor William Russell, an honor which reflected the degree of professional eminence he had already won. Dr. Barrett served on his board continuously from 1892 until 1923 and from 1914 onward was its president. In his capacity as a member of the board, he examined between 14,000 and 15,000 candidates for the privilege of practicing dentistry and passed on their qualifications.

Dr. Barrett's professional interests were never limited to the narrow sphere of local practice. He was deeply concerned with the elevation of the standards of dentistry generally and was active in many dental organizations. For fourteen years he was president of the Dental Educational Council of America. He also served as president of the National Association of Dental Examiners and was a prominent figure in the New England Association of Dental Examiners, the New England Dental Association, the American Academy of Dental Surgeons, the American Dental Association, the Massachusetts Dental Society and the Central District Dental Society. He was a Fellow of the American College of Dentistry and of the Royal Dental Academy and made a further important contribution to the cause of dental training by arranging a classification of American colleges having courses in dentistry for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Apart from his professional connections, Dr. Barrett was a founder, trustee and vice-president of the Bay State Savings Bank and a director of the Park Trust Company. After the merger of this latter corporation with the Merchants National Bank, now the Worcester County National Bank, he continued on the new directorate. He was profoundly interested in Worcester institutions and was frequently called upon to assume responsibilities in worthy civic enterprises. These requests he never refused. He served on numerous municipal committees, was treasurer of the Worcester Free Library and president of its board of trustees; and over a long period was a trustee of St. Vincent's Hospital. Dr. Barrett served for two terms, 1908-09, as a member of the city board of alderman, representing Ward Seven, a Republican stronghold. He himself was a staunch Democrat and was twice the Democratic candidate for mayor of Worcester. He was strongly influential in councils of his party both in the city and county and was a respected figure among Democratic leaders of the State. His direction of the "Smith for President" campaign in Worcester in 1928 was notable.

Dr. Barrett was also much interested in education, particularly the colleges and universities of the Catholic faith. In 1916 Holy Cross College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts in recognition of his services to the institution and his distinguished career. In 1926 he also received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Loyola University of Chicago. Dr. Barrett was a fourth degree member of Worcester Council, Knights of Columbus, and was a founder of Worcester Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was president of the Worcester City Government Alumni, a member of the Jefferson Society of Massachusetts, the Worcester County Holy Cross Association, the Worcester Economic Club and the Worcester Country Club. He was long a leading member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

On June 5, 1900, Dr. Thomas James Barrett married Ellen Mary Kidney of New York, who died in 1920. They were the parents of four children: 1. Thomas W., who married Rhea Chestnut. They have three children, Thomas, Elizabeth Ann and Patricia. 2. Alice M., residing at home. 3. Eileen, married Philip C. O'Connell and has one daughter, Eileen. 4. Mary Christine.

On January 9, 1923, to celebrate the completion of his thirtieth year as a member of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry, a testimonial dinner was tendered Dr. Barrett, at which two hundred persons were present, drawn from all walks of life. As a memento of the occasion, a hall clock was presented him with this inscription:

> To Thomas James Barrett, D. D. S., A. M., F. A. C. D.—Skillful dental surgeon, Faithful public servant, Staunch friend. In appreciation of his long and unusual service to his profession.
> The Central District Dental Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, January 8, 1923.

Dr. Barrett died at Worcester on December 20, 1930, in his sixty-sixth year. A friend wrote of him:

> He held an outstanding place in the professional, the social and the business world. He was tall and commanding in appearance, striking in features, affable in demeanor and charming in his friendliness.
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> He was loyal to the core to all of those who had gained his confidence, and no one doubted on which side of a question he stood. He was true to his convictions at all times, and while he tempered his attitude with tolerance, there was no swaying him from his position when once he had taken a stand. His memory will be cherished and his achievements form an interesting part of the history of Worcester.

CAPTAIN EARLE SMITH—Born at Worcester, on February 9, 1895, Mr. Smith is a son of Frank Bulkeley and Nancy Hacker (Earle) Smith, both of whom were born in this State. His father was a lawyer and manufacturer, being a member of the law firm of Smith, Gage and Dresser at Worcester. He died in 1918 and his wife passed

away the same year. They were the parents of the following children: 1. Bulkeley. 2. Willard, a major of the 9th Regiment of the Regular Army, who was killed in action on September 12, 1918, during the battle of St. Mihiel in France and is buried in the American Military Cemetery there. 3. Earle, of whom further. 4. Nancy Earle, wife of George Crompton, Jr. 5. Frank Grosvenor.

Earle Smith received his education in the Bancroft School and at Berkshire School, Great Barrington, from which he was graduated in 1916. In the fall of the same year he entered Harvard University as a member of the class of 1920, but following the entry of the United States into the World War he enlisted on April 13, 1917, as a member of Battery C, Massachusetts National Guard Field Artillery. With these troops he went overseas on October 6, 1917, was transferred to the 301st Tank Brigade on June 3, 1918, and on July 1, 1918, was assigned to detached service with the Motorcycle Dispatch Corps. On October 28, 1918, he was gassed in action and evacuated to Neufchâteau Base Hospital. Mr. Smith saw active service in the Chemin des Dames sector, the La Reine Sector at St. Mihiel and in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He returned to the United States on April 20, 1919, and forthwith received his honorable discharge.

During his active business career Mr. Smith has been connected with the manufacturing and production departments of the Baldwin Chain and Manufacturing Company and the Wickwire Spencer Steel Company. He also served as assistant treasurer and general manager of the Langford Sales Audit Machine Company of Boston. He has always maintained a deep interest in veterans' affairs and, in addition to serving by appointment as chairman for Massachusetts of the American Veterans Association, is an active member of Raystone Post of Shrewsbury, American Legion, and of Homer Gage Post, also of Shrewsbury, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also affiliated with Matthew Whittall Lodge of Shrewsbury and Quinsigamond Lodge of Worcester of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of various higher bodies, including Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. Mr. Smith is very fond of cruising and yachting and is a member of the Cruising Club of America and the New Bedford Yacht Club. In 1919-20 he was a member of the Worcester Common Council, representing Ward One of that city. He is now chairman of the school board at Shrewsbury, where he maintains a beautiful home.

On May 15, 1920, Earle Smith married Margaret Harding Lasell. They are the parents of three children: 1. Nancy Earle, born in March, 1921. 2. Earle, Jr., born in March, 1923. 3. Josiah Lasell, born in January, 1925.

ALEXANDER LINDSAY—In his native Scotland, cradle of the game of golf, Alexander Lindsay learned the art of club making and the various other duties of the golf professional. Except for the war years, in which he served with distinction in the British Army, he has devoted the greater part of his life to this sport and is now professional at the Tatnuck Country Club in Worcester.

Mr. Lindsay was born at Edinburgh, on May 8, 1889, a son of Robert and Catherine (McCrea) Lindsay, both of Scottish birth. He was educated in the James Gillespie School in his native city and at Daniel Stuart College, but while still a boy he became intensely fond of the game of golf and served an apprenticeship as club maker and instructor, or, as we would say in this country, golf professional. His marked ability in the sport soon led to his choice as club maker and professional at the Presson Field Country Club. This was in 1907. He remained there until the outbreak of the World War, when he mobilized with his troop of Territorials for cavalry service, a body of troops similar to the National Guards regiments in the United States. This troop, consisting of twenty-five men, was mobilized with the Lothians and Border Horse Regiment and went overseas in 1915. Mr. Lindsay saw active service with his regiment until 1917, when he was transferred to The Royal Scots Regiments, famous infantry troops and the oldest military regiment in the world. Subsequently he was commissioned and transferred again, this time, to the Royal Flying Corps, in which he served, with the rank of flight lieutenant, until the war was over. He was attached to the British Navy and was placed in charge of one of the seaplane stations at the Naval Base in Scapa Flow, in the Orkney Islands, and is probably the only man in America today who witnessed the scuttling of the German fleet there after the Armistice. It was he who received the parole of Rear-Admiral Von Reuter of the German Naval forces at that time. Mr. Lindsay took part in all the important engagements of the war on the Western Front. His military record was one of great distinction. He was several times mentioned in dispatches for gallantry and received the Mons Medal, the Allied Service Medal, the Victory Medal, the Imperial Service Medal and several Territorial decorations.

In the latter part of 1919 he was attached to the United States Navy on the Northern Patrol and at the time of his discharge from the military forces of his country was appointed to the civil service. He soon tired of his duties in that capacity, however, and returned to his first love, golf. After spending some time at his old club, Mr. Lindsay came to the United States and became professional at the Amoskeag Country Club, Manchester, New Hampshire. In 1926 he was appointed professional at the Tatnuck Country Club, one of the beauty spots of Worcester, and came to this city. His activities have since centered at that club. He is well known throughout this section and has earned the respect of all who come in contact with him, both for his ability as an instructor and club maker and for his fine sportsmanship. Mr. Lindsay is not engaged in competitive golf. Apart from his duties as a professional, he has written many articles on golf instruction and golf courses, some of which have been syndicated in newspapers throughout the country.

Mr. Lindsay is a member of The Royal Scots Club of Edinburgh, the Ex-British Officers' Club of Boston and the United Service Club. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and in this order is a member of the Blue Lodge, of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and of several Scottish Rite bodies. His hobby is horsemanship, but he is fond of other sports and particularly enjoys watching ice hockey games.

On September 6, 1918, he married Gertrude Goodall Barry, of Scotland, who also served in

her country's cause during the Great War with the V. A. D. Section of the Red Cross. They have one son, Graeme Crawford, now attending Sever Street Preparatory School in Worcester.

JAMES A. McDERMOTT—For many years James A. McDermott was well known in Worcester and vicinity as one of the successful builders and contractors of the city who had erected many of the largest and most important public buildings of the city and many of its residences.

Henry McDermott, father of James A. McDermott, was born in Dublin, Ireland, May 28, 1828, son of Andrew, of Ballurgan, County Louth, Ireland, and Elizabeth McDermott, of Dublin, County Dublin, Ireland. Andrew and Elizabeth McDermott resided in Dublin for three years, and then, with their two-year old son, Henry, and their infant daughter, Mary, they removed to Ballurgan, County Louth, and settled on the homestead farm which had been in the possession of the McDermott family for several generations. Thus Henry McDermott grew up on the farm on which his father was born. Here, too, three more children were born to Andrew and Elizabeth McDermott, James, Fannie, and Peter, making five children in all. Of these, James, adventurous and enterprising, came to America as a very young man and settled first at Leicester, Massachusetts, a year later removing to Auburn, Massachusetts, where he was employed on the farm of Elbridge and John Warren. His letters encouraged his older brother, Henry, to come to America, and with his bride Henry McDermott landed in New York City in July, 1853. A few days later they went to Providence by boat, and, leaving his wife in Providence, Henry McDermott went to the Warren farm in Auburn, where he found his brother. Returning to Providence for his wife, he brought her to Auburn, where they began housekeeping. A year or so later he secured steady employment with the firm of Elbridge and John Warren, who operated a tan yard on their farm. About two years later Henry and his brother, James, bought a farm. On this they later built a house, in which they lived until 1889, when Henry McDermott with his family removed to Worcester and located at No. 17 Jefferson Street, where James A., by then a contractor and builder, had erected a house for his father. Here Henry McDermott lived during the remainder of his life. In the summer of 1905, six years after removing to Worcester, Henry McDermott with his son, James A., and his daughter, Margaret, went to Ireland and visited the old homestead at Ballurgan, where his brother Peter was then farming. The fifty-two years of Henry McDermott's absence had left some things unchanged, and Mr. McDermott took great delight in renewing acquaintance with the old clock on which he had learned to "tell time" and with the mahogany table from which he had eaten as a child. In Dunkald he greeted joyfully the old wheelwright and other friends of his boyhood.

Henry McDermott married Bridget Hagan, of Faughart, County Louth, who was born in 1830 and died in Worcester, Massachusetts, June 27, 1904, daughter of Peter and Mary (Sands) Hagan, and they became the parents of seven children: 1. James A., of further mention. 2. Mary A., who died April 10, 1899. 3. Eliza J. 4. Margaret E. 5. John B., who became a partner of his brother, James A., in the building and contracting business; married Jane E. McKenna of Worcester. 6. Frank E., a graduate of Northwestern University, of Chicago, became a dentist in Worcester; married Fannie Prescott, of Webster. 7. Charles R., a dentist in Worcester, graduate of Philadelphia Dental College; married Della Lawton, of Whitinsville.

James A. McDermott, son of Henry and Bridget (Hagan) McDermott, was born in Auburn, Worcester County, November 22, 1857. He attended the district school of Auburn for fifteen winter terms, and then entered the employ of David Whitney, who owned a farm and was also a carpenter and builder in Auburn. Besides working on Mr. Whitney's farm, Mr. McDermott also aided in the building operations and eventually served his apprenticeship under Mr. Whitney, learning the carpenter's trade. For some years after completing his apprenticeship he remained with Mr. Whitney, but later he came to Worcester and entered the employ of William Sibley, for whom he worked in Auburn, Oxford and Millbury, following his trade and making himself thoroughly familiar with all kinds of construction work. In 1885 he left the employ of Mr. Sibley and engaged in business for himself, building his first house for his father at No. 17 Jefferson Street, Worcester, the house in which his father and his father's daughters, Eliza and Margaret, were still living in 1907, the mother having died there in 1904. His business as a contracting builder steadily grew, and he admitted to partnership his brother, John B., under the firm name of McDermott Brothers, general building contractors. The brothers continued to enlarge the business until it grew to be one of the largest and best known concerns of its kind in Worcester. In addition to the construction of many dwelling houses, McDermott Brothers also erected many public buildings, including the erection, remodeling and inside finishing of many of the finest Catholic churches in the Springfield Diocese. McDermott Brothers erected the Presbytery of St. Stephen's Parish, Grafton Street, for the Rev. Richard Burke, pastor; the Presbytery and stable of St. Anne's Parish, Eastern Avenue, for the Rev. Dennis Scannell, pastor; all the interior finishing and pews of St. Anne's Church on Eastern Avenue, for the Rev. Dennis Scannell; also St. Peter's Church on Main Street, for the Rev. Daniel H. O'Neil, pastor; interior finish of St. John's Parochial School on Winter Street, for the Rev. Msgr. Thomas Griffin; the school building on Midland Street, for the city of Worcester; the Notre Dame Convent on Vernon Street, for the Rev. Msgr. Griffin; the Industrial School Building, St. Joseph's Park Hill, Millbury; shops and stable for the Xaverian Brothers, at Millbury; Sacred Heart Academy on Gage Street, which contains sixteen class rooms, two society rooms, and a large assembly room; American Order of Hibernians Hall on Trumbull Street; St. Paul's School; St. Stephen's Church; St. Vincent's Hospital, one of the largest and finest in Worcester, and, in 1923, the Nurses' Home of this hospital; the Mary S. Stone School in Auburn; in 1921 the large dormitory, Loyola Hall, and the Dinand Library of Holy Cross College in Worcester; and many of the great buildings of the American Steel and

Wire Company and its branches. The firm also built the Vernon Hotel on Vernon Square; the Gordon Block, Vernon Square, Worcester; the Martin Block on Green Street; the Thomas Kenney Block, corner of Sumner and Exchange; St. Mary's Church and Presbytery on Richland Street; and very many residences and tenement houses in Worcester. Mr. McDermott was a member of the Builders' Exchange, in which he was active for many years, and was a trustee of the Bay State Savings Bank since its incorporation and for many years a member of its board of investment. He had always taken a great interest in this institution, in which he made a deposit on the day of its opening. He was for many years a member of the Washington Social Club, and was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus. His religious affiliation was with St. Paul's Catholic Church.

James A. McDermott married, February 27, 1906, in Worcester, Katherine Lavin, who was born in Worcester, December 27, 1870, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Kennedy) Lavin. Mr. and Mrs. McDermott became the parents of five children: 1. Louise, born July 9, 1908, attended the schools of Worcester and then entered Merry Mount College, near Tarrytown, New York. After the completion of her college course she entered business and is now manager of the ladies' department of the Wellesley College branch store of Messrs. Cross and Straus. 2. James A., born November 28, 1909, attended the Worcester Academy, studied for one year at New York University, and is now associated with the contracting and building business established by his father. 3. Katherine H., born December 17, 1910, spent one year at Rosemont College in Pennsylvania and is now a student in the University of Alabama. 4. Elizabeth C., born February 26, 1912, attended Rosemont College in Pennsylvania and, with her sister, Katherine, traveled and studied for a year, 1932, in Europe. 5. Charles H., born September 16, 1913, attending St. John's School, Worcester.

James A. McDermott died in June, 1933, at the age of seventy-six years. His had been a long and useful career, one which contributed greatly to the development of the Worcester of the last half century.

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE—The oldest French college of its kind in the United States is Assumption College, of Worcester. Although founded in 1904 and since conducted by the Augustinian Fathers of the Assumption, its formal incorporation by the Commonwealth dates from February 2, 1917, when the right to confer degrees was also granted. A paragraph of the charter of that date is illuminating in making manifest the purpose of the trustees of the institution:

> The said corporation is authorized to conduct and maintain the Assumption College in the city of Worcester for the promotion of virtue and piety, and for instruction in such of the languages, and of the liberal and useful arts and sciences as shall be selected from time to time by the corporation; and the corporation may confer the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

The college was first established in a small frame house in what is now one of the most beautiful suburbs of Worcester, Glendale. The school filled a genuine need in the higher educational system of New England and expanded with such rapidity as to require new buildings and additions to older structures in 1907, 1912, 1921 and 1926. The main building, in the form of a "T," serves for the high school department, and a large wing, built in 1926, is given over to the college courses. All of the buildings are modern and have all the latest improvements. Nothing has been spared, from the hygienic standpoint, to insure the boys' good health and comfort. A gymnasium, measuring a hundred and fifteen feet by fifty-five and one of the best in Worcester, is at the students' disposition. The campus, consisting of about sixty acres, is laid out for various sports. Besides the baseball diamonds, there are twelve tennis courts, likewise unsurpassed in the city, and twelve handball courts. Three athletic coaches give the boys training in baseball, basketball and tennis. All athletics are under the control and direction of a member of the faculty. A well selected library is provided for the use of the students.

Assumption College aims above all to give a good Christian education. Special care is given to those members of the student body who aspire to the priesthood; but young men who intend to take up a liberal profession, such as law or medicine, also receive the training they need.

During the World War eight members of the faculty and many of the pupils served their country on the battlefields; at the college itself, a detachment of the Students' Army Training Corps, established by the American Army, prepared the younger students for service in case of need. It is the constant endeavor of the Fathers of the Assumption to develop not only the mind, but the moral faculties. To attain this end, supervision modeled after that which exists in every well-regulated family is exercised at all times. The professors, whose lives are devoted exclusively to the education of youth, live with the students and mingle freely with them. The intimate relation, which arises from this friendly intercourse between students and teachers, is a most powerful factor, both in developing the good qualities and checking unworthy tendencies in the young. The college authorities are convinced that without religion there can be no education in the true sense of the word. Special attention is therefore paid to religious instruction.

This is most important for the fostering of vocations to the holy priesthood and will not be found remiss in the other professions. The church gathers her strength from the faith and fidelity of the lay members as well as from the clergy.

The course of studies is of the classical type, comprising four years of high school and four years of college. The subjects studied include philosophy, Latin, Greek, French and English, literature, religion, liturgy, universal history, mathematics, physics, and natural sciences, leading, since 1917, to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The instruction given in the high school of Assumption College, besides being a preparation for college, aims at imparting an education such as is usually given in the best high schools and academies. It comprises four classes corresponding to the four years' classical course of approved high schools. Among the numerous and important college organizations are the literary societies: Franco-American Literary Club, the Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas; the musical organizations: Cecelia Society and the College Orchestra; and the Assumption Dramatic

Club, the Assumption College Athletic Association, and the Alumni Association, the purposes of which are readily inferred from their titles.

REV. CRESCENT ARMANET, A. A., President of Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts—As churchman and educator, the Rev. Crescent Armanet, A. A., has performed important work in the Worcester community, where he is president of the College of the Assumption. A native of France, he has brought with him to the United States something of the true Christian piety of that European country, yet has adapted his ministry at all times to the needs of his adopted land. He is dearly beloved by the students who are receiving their education under his direction and guidance, as well as by church leaders and the general body of Worcester citizenry.

Father Armanet was born in November, 1879, in Dauphiné, France, not far from the great Carthusian convent built by Saint Bruno, and in the very neighborhood of Vienne, that delightful little town encamped on the banks of the Rhone, on the main line of the railway from Paris to Marseilles. His home was truly Christian in the finest sense, giving one of its children to the bar and the other to the church. Even in boyhood Crescent Armanet showed a desire to enter the church and asked the priests of the Augustinian Order of the Assumption for the classical education that constitutes the first indispensable step toward the altar. Completing his studies and not wishing to be separated from the good Fathers who had attended to his training, he entered the novitiate of Livry, in the outskirts of Paris, there remaining from 1896 to 1898. He then went to Jerusalem, where for four years he studied philosophy, theology and the Holy Scriptures. In the Holy City, the Assumptionists still have the hostelry designed to accommodate tourists and pilgrims from all parts of the world; and it was in this hostelry, a flourishing home of students, that the young man stayed. Here, on the very land where early Jewish history was lived and the Christian Saviour walked, the theological students drank deep of the memoried draughts of the past. Avoiding Jerusalem during the burning Palestinian summers, the students walked to distant parts of the Holy Land, sometimes were on foot eight or nine hours a day, and often stayed three weeks at a time, lying down at night in a simple tent and going to sleep to the cries of jackals and hyenas that prowled about their camps. In the morning they would jump out of bed, shave rapidly, recite a part of the Breviary, make their meditation, attend mass, and, after a steaming breakfast, resume their journey. There were encounters with the Bedouins, plunderers of the desert. There were travels over surviving sections of old Roman roads, discoveries of inscription in Latin or Greek bearing the names of Emperors of old, efforts to restore old churches and monuments. Brother Armanet became passionately fond of archeological and Biblical science, and his life was enriched by study of the Scripture under the Very Rev. Father Gervais Quenard, now Superior General of the Assumptionists. A group of young professors and specially appointed students collaborated on the now famous "Pilgrim's Guide to the Holy Land," praised alike by scientists and ecclesiastics; and the young Brother Armanet proved beyond doubt his right to place his name on the title page of this volume.

He was destined, however, not to receive the priestly unction in the very shadow of the Holy Sepulchre and of Calvary, as did so many of his schoolfellows. The climate of Palestine endangered his health, and, by order of his superiors, he was forced to rest for several months. Leaving the country, he took the road for Constantinople. There, on the border of Asia, facing ancient Byzantium, almost on the evening of Christmas in one week of 1903, he received all the major holy orders from Bishop Bonetti, Apostolic Delegate to Constantinople. The Rev. Father Louis Petit, later Archbishop of Athens, was present at his first mass. Father Louis Petit had done some brilliantly useful work of scholarship on Byzantine history and had specialized on codification of the Canon Law of the separated churches of the East. He had done a great deal of archeological work, had put in a requisition for the valuable manuscripts buried under the dust of the library of Phanar and the orthodox monasteries of Mount Athos, and had taken countless photographs. He had the esteem of Pope Benedict XV and his successor, the present Pope Pius XI, who, after the death of Archbishop Petit, added the latter's private library to the scientific treasures of the Vatican.

Ordained priest, Father Armanet was appointed to the mission of the town of Broussa, in Bythinia, east of the sea of Marmara, lost in the foliage of fig and mulberry trees, at the foot of Mount Olympus. Here the Assumptionists had a French College, to which Father Armanet, who took immediate charge of it, gave new impetus. There he received Raymond Poincaré, later destined to became President of France, as a guest. In 1907 he was sent to Philippopolis, second city of Bulgaria, where the Fathers of the Assumption also had a large French College. It had six hundred Bulgarian, Greek, Turkish, Jewish and Armenian students, some of them from the finest families of the Near East. Father Armanet had the most difficult position in the institution, that of prefect of discipline, but made himself both feared and loved. He spent twelve years in the East, then went to England, meeting in London the Rev. Marie-Louis Deydier, who was to come a few years later to direct the College of the Assumption in Worcester. In London Father Armanet studied English, learned to speak fluently the language of Shakespeare, and then, in 1912, came to the New World.

Cardinal Farley, of New York, had asked the Assumptionists to take over a new parish in the metropolis of America, and, the Superior General of the Order in seeking a staff, asked for Father Armanet. In New York he was situated on One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Street, near the Hudson River, and for twelve years preached in English every Sunday in the Church of Our Lady of Esperanza. At all hours of the day he heard confessions, nor did he ever send away any of the penitents, who came to him. He also served as chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Assumption, nurses of the poor, always spreading his apostolic word among the men and women gathered in the Chapel of the Missionary Sisters. At the same time he was writing regularly for the Catholic

daily of Paris, "La Croix," on the chief political, social and economic events, as well as religious developments, transpiring in the United States. He was widely quoted in Canada and New England, often without acknowledgement. Later Father Armanet was the specially appointed official correspondent of "La Croix" at the Chicago Eucharistic Congress. Acting first as infirmarian in a hospital and then as postal censor during the World War, in the French Army, he served well the Allied cause and after America's entry into the conflict devoted Saturdays and Sundays to the spiritual needs of American troops as a volunteer chaplain.

It was in 1929, after this varied service to country and to church, that Father Armanet was named head of the College of the Assumption, at Worcester. Here he has maintained the French tradition in its finest form, bringing to his work the splendid background of labors among people in all parts of the earth. The Worcester community has likewise gained from having a man of his training at the head of one of its educational institutions. The magazine of the college, at the time of his appointment to the Worcester position, wrote a beautiful article in French concerning the life of Father Armanet, ending its account with the words:

> This magazine, founded in the interests of the college, is commended particularly to the benevolence of the new Superior, to his advice, to his abundant initiative, to the needs even of his pen, always so stirring and French.
> It says to him, *"ad multos annos."*

REV. JOSEPH E. CHICOINE—Since 1914 the Rev. Joseph E. Chicoine has been pastor of St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church at Leominster. His many years in the priesthood have been filled with useful accomplishment, and the value of his leadership in both spiritual and material things has been reflected in the steady progress of St. Cecilia's parish.

Father Chicoine was born at Verchères, Province of Quebec, Canada, on February 9, 1863, a son of Peter and Marie (Gauvreau) Chicoine. He was educated in the schools of Montreal and in Montreal College and after the completion of his academic and theological studies was ordained priest by Bishop Fabre on August 28, 1887. He was first assigned to be assistant at St. Henri's parish, Montreal. In June, 1893, however, he came to the Springfield Diocese, Massachusetts, taking up his duties as assistant in Notre Dame Church, Worcester. Two years later he was transferred to the Precious Blood Church at Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he served as assistant until 1899. For the following two years he was priest at Notre Dame parish, Pittsfield, and from 1901 to May, 1904, was priest at Notre Dame parish, Southbridge. In the latter month and year, he became pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Worcester, remaining until 1914, when he came to Leominster as pastor of St. Cecilia's Church.

This parish was founded in 1900 with some 1,450 communicants. The first pastor was Father W. Balthasard, who had charge until November 4, 1914, when he died. He was succeeded by Father Chicoine, who has given many years of dedicated service to the parish and its people. The membership of St. Cecilia's now numbers almost 5,000 and it is regarded as one of the most active parishes in the diocese. Under Father Chicoine's guidance many improvements have been made in church buildings and equipment while the spiritual progress of the parish has gone hand in hand with the material. In 1925 the parish school was partly destroyed by fire. It has since been rebuilt and includes a temporary chapel. The school itself has twenty-four rooms and is presided over by twenty-eight sisters. Nearly 1,000 pupils are enrolled. In September, 1931, another great task was begun with the erection of a new church structure at a cost of $350,000. It has been built of Weymouth stone and is universally considered to be one of the city's most beautiful buildings. It is in every respect ideally suited for the purposes which it serves. Standing at the corner of Mechanic and Third streets, Leominster, it has already become a landmark of this community.

To Father Chicoine's leadership in a very large degree must go the credit for the remarkable growth of the parish. He has been a true shepherd of his flock, a friend and counsellor to his people and, while never compromising his high ideals, has never forgotten the humanity of man.

JOSEPH THOMAS HIGGINS—An active figure at the bar and in the public life of New York, Joseph Thomas Higgins, member of a well-known Worcester family, has served as sheriff of New York County. He is well remembered in Worcester and its people have followed his career with interest.

Mr. Higgins was born in Worcester, on October 20, 1893, a son of Jeremiah J. and Mary A. (Donohue) Higgins. He is a grandson of Patrick J. Higgins, who came from Ireland to New York as a young man in 1849 and soon thereafter settled in Worcester. He married Mary A. O'Keefe. Two of their sons were killed while serving with the Union forces during the Civil War.

Jeremiah J. Higgins has been a prominent figure in Worcester life for many years, and although he has now reached the advanced age of seventy-seven he continues the important interests which have occupied his attention for the better part of half a century. He is president of the Home Co-operative Bank of this city, president or treasurer of several real estate and building firms and has large property holdings in this city. A full account of his career appears elsewhere in these pages.

Joseph Thomas Higgins received his preliminary education in Worcester schools and subsequently entered Holy Cross College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During the World War he entered the United States Army Air Service, was commissioned first lieutenant and served as pursuit pilot until he received his discharge in 1919. He then returned to his preparations for his professional career, studying law at Fordham University Law School until 1921. Mr. Higgins was a noted athlete in his college years and was the winner of the intercollegiate half-mile championship in both 1917 and 1918.

Admitted to the New York bar in 1921, he immediately began active practice in New York City and soon established his reputation as one of the most able of the city's younger lawyers. He also became active in Democratic politics and as the candidate of his party was elected and served in the New York State Assembly from 1927 to 1932. In the latter year he was elected

J. C. Chicoine.

sheriff of New York County, after having served in the New York State Assembly while Franklin D. Roosevelt was Governor of New York. Mr. Higgins, in devoting the past seven years (up to 1934) to public service, has brought to his official duties the same fine energy and talents which distinguished his career in private life. His record is notable and his success well merited.

Mr. Higgins maintains law offices at No. 261 Broadway, New York City. He continues to hold an influential place in Democratic councils and is a member of the National Democratic Club as well as of local Democratic organizations. He is also a member of the New York Athletic Club, the American Legion, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Improved Order of Red Men. Athletic sports are his principal recreation, particularly golf, but he also derives much pleasure from his taste for poetry and literature, and his own talents as a poet have won him considerable recognition. One of his poems, submitted in competition, received a prize award. Mr. Higgins resides in New York City. He is unmarried.

REV. J. O. COMTOIS—St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, at Spencer, of which the Rev. J. O. Comtois is now pastor, is a French parish and was founded on December 26, 1887, when the French people of Spencer were permitted to form a separate congregation through the advice of Father Beaven. The first mass was said on January 3, 1888, by Father Beaven in old St. Mary's Church, which had been put at the disposal of the congregation. Father C. R. Viens, who was Father Beaven's assistant, became the first resident pastor of the new parish, remaining from January, 1887, until his death on August 13, 1889. He was succeeded by the Rev. A. A. Lamy, who came on September 19, 1889. Father Lamy was born at Yamachiche, Canada, on July 19, 1844, and attended the Brothers' School until 1872. He also studied the classics at Nicolet and theology at Three Rivers, where he remained until he was ordained on September 19, 1875, by Msgr. Lafleche. The next five years he spent in Canada but in September, 1880, came to the United States and for three months served at North Adams, Massachusetts. He was then sent to Southbridge, Massachusetts, remaining until March 27, 1882, when he became pastor of the church at Three Rivers, Massachusetts. On September 19, 1889, he came to St. Mary's Church in Spencer. Father Lamy was followed in August, 1910 by Father Grolleau, who became pastor and administrator of St. Mary's for many years, retiring finally in 1921 to return to his birthplace in France. He was succeeded by Father Marceau, who also served as administrator for two years. In 1922 he was followed by Father Comtois, who has since been pastor of St. Mary's.

Father Comtois was born in Canada, on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, on June 3, 1872. His early boyhood years were spent in his birthplace and during that time he attended the local parochial schools. At the age of nine, he came with his parents to Northboro, Massachusetts, where he attended public school and high school. Subsequently he entered Joliette College, Province of Quebec, where he remained for five years, then going to Brighton, Massachusetts, for one year. At the end of that period, he went to Baltimore, Maryland, where he pursued his theological studies and on December 17, 1897, at Boston Cathedral, he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Williams. Father Comtois served for one year at Notre Dame Church in North Adams. At that time, however, his health broke down and it was necessary for him to go to Colorado, where he remained for eighteen months. For several months he had charge of a mission at Lake City, Colorado, also a mission at Gunnison, Colorado, and then, having regained his former constitutional vigor, he returned East and was assigned to the Catholic Church at Otter River, Massachusetts. After a brief period he was transferred to North Brookfield and later to Leominster, where he spent one year. For four years he served at the Church of the Precious Blood in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and then was transferred to the Church of Saint Louis in West Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was the first resident pastor. Father Comtois remained for eight years, following which he went to Millbury, Massachusetts, and was pastor of the church there for seven and a half years until he came to St. Mary's Church in Spencer in 1922.

At Millbury, Father Comtois built a beautiful church and greatly improved the property. During his pastorate the congregation largely increased and at his departure he left the parish in a flourishing condition. At St. Mary's Church, Father Comtois ministers to about 2,400 souls. Since coming here he has had the interior of the church beautifully decorated and has spared no effort in keeping up all the buildings—including the church, school, Presbytery and a convent for the Sisters—to the finest standard. The massive church, of red brick trimmed with granite, with an impressive flight of fourteen granite steps leading to the entrance and with two large towers, one on either side of the entrance, excites the admiration of all beholders. The interior is unexcelled in beauty and grandeur by any comparable church in the State. The ceiling, which is in the form of a huge vault, is particularly striking. It is supported by five beautiful pillars of marble on each side, with arches extending from one pillar to the other. The choir loft seats about one hundred and fifty and is equipped with a magnificent organ of exquisite tone. On the right and left near the altar are two large balconies accommodating about one hundred each. The pews are of quartered oak, nicely carved. The interior is lighted by fifteen lantern-shaped electric lights, carved in bronze, and there are also twenty-five stained glass memorial windows depicting incidents in the life of Christ. Of the three altars in the church, the central one is fifteen feet square and is covered with rare carving and trimmed with gold. Back of it is a beautiful painting and four large memorial windows. Over the organ loft is a large rose window, wherein angelic faces are softly illuminated. At the right of the altar is a marble tablet inscribed:

A La Douce Memoire du Rev. A. A. Lamy,
Cure De Cette Paroisse 1889-1910.
Il a Fondé L'École en 1892,
Construit L'Église en 1900.
Retiré a Fiskdale Ou il Décéda Subitement
En Décembre 1915 a L'Age 71 Ans.
R. I. P.

Few could fail to be impressed by the dignity and solemnity of this church or, having entered, fail to linger here to worship God.

In connection with the church, a parochial school is operated with an enrollment of four hundred pupils, taught by nine Sisters of the Assumption. The following societies are active in the parish: Holy Name Society, for men; St. Anne's Society, for women; the Children of Mary, for girls; a Boy Scout troop for boys; and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Father Comtois has one curate to assist him in his work. Since beginning his labors here, he has won the love and affection of his own congregation and, as in his other charges, the profound respect of the community at large. His devotion and charity, his fine qualities as a Christian gentleman, endear him to all.

GEORGE B. TREADWELL—Having reduced to a science the breeding of poultry, George B. Treadwell, of Spencer, is well known throughout the country for his specialty, Single Comb Rhode Island Reds. In 1931-32, in official laying contests, two ten-hen pens achieved two world records, one for points, both for Rhode Island Reds and all heavy breeds, and the other for number of eggs. The Treadwell farm, situated two and one-half miles from Spencer Town, is frequently visited by poultry growers, who have made their own flocks successful by the introduction of the Treadwell strain.

Born in New Fairfield, Connecticut, November 4, 1884, son of John M. and Emma E. (Weller) Treadwell, Mr. Treadwell attended a district school and then entered an agricultural college, where he was graduated in 1909. After completing his education he entered the employ of the Waveney Farm at New Canaan, Connecticut, where he was herdsman and bookkeeper for two years. Following his resignation of that position, he traveled for one year. On December 10, 1912, Mr. Treadwell married Jennie (Cornelis) Downs, and they have two children, John M. and Priscilla. He next was made superintendent of the Gilbert Farm, a department of the Connecticut Agricultural College at Georgetown, Connecticut, serving in this capacity for four years. Thence he went to the Clift Rock Farm, where he was located in an official position for four years.

In 1920 he came to Spencer and purchased a commercial poultry farm and for several years produced only table eggs and poultry. In 1926 he purchased an adjoining farm in East Brookfield. Gradually, through a program of flock improvement, trap-nesting and pedigree breeding, he developed his strain of heavy laying Rhode Island Reds. His plant has a capacity of about 3,000 mature birds. He broods 8-9,000 baby chicks each year. He has incubator capacity for 28,000 eggs at one time, and annually hatches and sells thousands of baby chicks.

In the only two contests in which Treadwell birds were entered in the season of 1931-32, he obtained two world records. At the Maine Experiment Station in Monmouth his ten-hen pen was high pen for all breeds—in an all United States Standard contest—with a total of 2,832 eggs and a total of 2,907 points. At the Storrs (Agricultural College) Experiment Station in the same season his ten-hen pen was high pen for all breeds, with a total of 2,840 eggs and a total of 2,809 points. The combined records of these two pens were 5,672 eggs, scoring 5,716 points, or an average of 283.6 eggs and 285.8 points per bird. Treadwell's Reds hold the highest six-year average at Storrs, 1926-27 to 1931-32, their average production being 234.65 eggs per bird. This is 9.5 eggs per bird, per year, more than the next nearest Red Breeder.

Mr. Treadwell has been honored by his colleagues in the poultry industry. He is president of the Massachusetts Association of Certified Poultry Breeders, president of the Massachusetts Record of Performance Association and a member of the Worcester County Poultry Association. He is affiliated with Spencer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

WALTER K. WILEY, of the firm of Wiley and Foss, large contractors of Fitchburg and builders of the great Tuberculosis Hospital in Worcester, was born in Fitchburg, July 8, 1867.

Having received his education in the public schools of Fitchburg, he learned the trade of a mason, and this he followed until the formation of the present firm of Wiley and Foss, more than forty years ago. When he started as an apprentice and later as a journeyman, he was compelled to work ten hours a day, as compared with the present schedule of eight hours, and wages now are three times what they were then.

Mr. Wiley is affiliated with all the bodies of York and Scottish Rite Freemasonry; he is a life-member of the "Blue" Lodge; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters; and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Other fraternal connections are the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, King David Encampment of the Uniform Rank; and Lodge No. 849, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a trustee and on the board of investment of the Worcester North Savings Bank. His clubs include the Fay, the Oakhill, and the Square and Compass, all of Fitchburg.

Walter K. Wiley married, in 1891, Anna A. Michael. She died in 1922. The children of this marriage are: 1. Robert A., enlisted for the World War and was attached to the 25th Regiment of Engineers. He participated actively in the fighting on five fronts. Returning broken in health, he is now residing on a farm. His education was completed at Bryant and Stratton's Business College. He married Sarah Francis and has four children: Margaret, Betty Ann, Mary Jane, and Constance. 2. Margaret A., married Roy W. Schench, a mining engineer in the West.

The firm of Wiley and Foss, of which Mr. Wiley is the senior member, have built a large number of buildings that stand to their credit as contractors and builders of honor, integrity and construction genius. Among the buildings they have erected may be mentioned the following: The Fitchburg Yarn Company's mill, whose construction beat the building record. It was erected in five months and in operation within six months from the day ground was broken, February 14, 1907, to September 1, 1907, the first yarn being made October 18, 1907. The magnitude of the project is indicated in the following figures: Steel, 500 tons; granite, 7,000 tons; brick, 2,000,000; spruce, 1,000,000 feet; Lime, 2,000 barrels; cement, 18 cars; main mill, three stories, 438 by 115 feet; engine room, 40 by 60 feet; boiler, 27 by 54 feet; brick stack, 164 feet high. The following buildings are all in Fitchburg; Falulah Paper Company Mill, Water Street

Fire Station, Colburn Electrical Factory, Belding Estate Apartment House, Fitchburg Paper Company Mill No. 1, S. E. M. Crocker's residence, Shirreff's Worsted Company Mill, Nurses' Home, Burbank Hospital, Hotel Roymond, Quinlan Theatre, Coggshall Memorial, Fitchburg Normal School Dormitory. Their buildings throughout New England include: Elliott Community Hospital, Keene, New Hampshire; Greenwood Memorial and Gardner Isolation Hospital, Gardner, Massachusetts; Jay Bridge Paper Company, Jay Bridge, Maine; French Brothers Block, South Framingham, Massachusetts; Troy Blanket Mills, Troy, New Hampshire; Windsor Library, Windsor, Vermont; New Home Sewing Machine Company, Orange; duPont Discoloid Company, Inc., and Leominster Hospital, Loeminster, Massachusetts; Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts; Aetna Mills, Watertown, Massachusetts; M. E. Converse and Son, Winchendon, Massachusetts; Louis S. Drake and Company, Allston, Massachusetts; and Columbia Manufacturing Company, Greenville, New Hampshire. When the contract for the Tuberculosis Hospital in Worcester was in its first stages of execution, upward of three hundred men were employed for several months. The work went forward ceaselessly and with satisfactory progress, and the completion of the institution gave to the State one of the finest and largest tuberculosis hospitals in Massachusetts and the New England states at an approximate cost of $1,500,000. The hospital plant consists of six buildings, all constructed of fireproof brick. The main building is 492 feet 8 inches in length and 45 feet in width, four stories high, with a sun porch 18 by 40 feet at either end. The superintendent's house has fifteen rooms, and there is a powerhouse and laundry, 75 feet long and 50 feet wide; a garage for the automobile of the superintendent, and a larger garage with accommodations for ten cars. There is a nurses' home of forty-five rooms. The hospital dormitories contain one hundred and twenty-five beds. There are also two large kitchens, and two operating rooms, an anesthetic room, and a recovery room, all being furnished with the most modern and opproved equipment. A complete fire extinguishing system operates throughout the hospital plant.

WILLIAM E. COLLINS—After an interesting and wide experience in life and his profession, William E. Collins came to Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1929, as the general agent of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, and has since identified himself with the activities and interests of Worcester. He was born at Providence, Rhode Island, December 18, 1891, son of John S. and Ida M. (Eastwood) Collins, both of whom were natives of St. Johns, New Brunswick, the former of whom died in 1899.

William E. Collins was educated in the public schools and under private instruction, later taking special courses in a number of institutions in preparation for the practice of accountancy. Very early in his business career he became an accountant and in 1910 became auditor for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at Boston, Massachusetts. In 1913 he accepted the post of assistant superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company at Boston; in 1918, he went to St. Johns, New Brunswick, as chief accountant with the New Brunswick Telephone Company, and in 1920 returned to Boston, associating himself with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company as special agent and supervisor of full time production, remaining here for nine years. In 1920 he came to Worcester, Massachusetts, as general agent of the same company, succeeding C. E. Green, who had been general agent for this territory and company for nearly thirty years.

Club and lodge life had never had any great lure for Mr. Collins, his business and his home supplying the outlet and the enjoyments which made for his personal happiness. He is a familiar figure in the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and he is a member of the executive committee of the Massachusetts Life Underwriters' Association. His religious faith is that of the Baptist Church. He enjoys sports, mildly, and has a hobby or two. He has a flair for expression, both by speech and writing. He won the first prize offered by the "Life Insurance Press" for the best article for use in the periodical. It was entitled "Helps for the Man on the Job," and won very favorable comment.

In 1910, William E. Collins married Alice M. Robinson of Massachusetts, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Clyde R. E., born December 18, 1911, a graduate of high school. 2. John Floyd, born December 4, 1913; high school graduate. 3. C. LeRoy, born July 29, 1916. 4. William E., Jr., born May 22, 1919. 5. Shirley Alice, born June 5, 1928. The last three mentioned are still students in school.

PATRICK WILLIAM HEHIR—One of the well-known men in Worcester is Patrick William Hehir, who for the past thirty-nine years has been associated with the Worcester post office, rising during that time to his present position as foreman of carriers of that office. He is also known throughout the greater part of New England because of his prominence in sports and his long service as a sports official.

Patrick William Hehir was born in Worcester, November 24, 1872, son of Matthew and Mary (Breen) Hehir, both of whom were born in County Clare, Ireland, and came to this country in 1866. The parents settled in Worcester, where the father met an untimely death, November 21, 1884, while in the employ of the city water department. The widow, left with a family of six boys, faced her difficult future with steadfast courage and genuine ability and reared all six of her boys to maturity, giving them a good practical education. She lived to the advanced age of eighty-four years, revered and honored, not only by her six sons, all of whom are today highly respected in the city of Worcester, but also much loved by her wide circle of acquaintances in Worcester and vicinity. Patrick William Hehir, the special subject of this article, attended the public schools of Worcester and after completing his high school course entered Hinman's Business College of this city. Soon after he was eighteen years old, he began his active career by entering the employ of the American Steel and Wire Company, with which company he remained until he was twenty-one years of age. He then entered the service of the United States Government as a letter carrier in the Worcester Post Office. For twenty-one years and one month, through sunshine and storm, heat and cold, he served faithfully and well in that capacity,

making many friends among those whom he served. At the end of this period of service he was appointed foreman of carriers by the late John A. Thayer, then postmaster of Worcester. This promotion gave great satisfaction to Mr. Hehir's many friends in Worcester and also to the carriers and employees in the post office, by all of whom he was much liked, and during the twenty years which have passed since that appointment Mr. Hehir has continued faithfully and efficiently to perform the duties of foreman. He is now rounding out a continuous service of forty years, the longest, with one or two exceptions, served by any man in the office. He has met each responsibility with the same whole-hearted interest and efficiency which he gives to every undertaking, and is considered one of the most valuable members of the Worcester postal organization.

Along with his efficient performance of his post office duties, Mr. Hehir has found time to continue and develop his interest in sports which had its beginning in his boyhood, and probably few are as well known in athletic activities in the East as is he. He has served as referee in basketball games for all the Eastern colleges, as well as for many high schools, military leagues, boys' clubs and in professional basketball contests. He has also umpired many baseball games, officiated at several intercollegiate football contests, and for several years has served as referee in wrestling and boxing bouts and as an official at track meets. These activities have brought him wide prominence in Eastern athletic circles. He is known not only as a capable official, but as an unfailingly just one, and his services in these fields have been in steady demand. He is also greatly interested in fishing and hunting, and in April, 1933, he was honored by election to the presidency of the Worcester County League of Rod and Gun clubs, an organization of 10,000 members. This distinction came to him in recognition of his long continued interest in these sports and his many contributions to their advancement. Mr. Hehir is also a director of the Worcester County Fish and Game Association and vice-president of the Worcester County Kennel Club. He owns a number of pedigreed dogs, among which are several Irish setters, his favorite breed. Fraternally, Mr. Hehir is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a Past Grand Knight of Alhambra Council, of Worcester, and a member of the fourth degree. He is a member of the National Association of Post Office Clerks, secretary and treasurer of the National Association of Postal Supervisors, and also retains his membership in the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Partick William Hehir married, July 27, 1893, Mary McCann, who died February 22, 1933, daughter of Matthew R. and Catherine (Doon) McCann. The passing of Mrs. Hehir brought deep sorrow not only to her family but to a host of friends who, through the years of her active life, had learned and tested her worth. Beloved as a faithful wife and tender mother, her influence extended beyond her family circle and became an inspiration and a blessing to all with whom she came in contact. Her passing left a void which cannot be filled, but her influence remains in the hearts of those who knew her best. Mr. and Mrs. Hehir's surviving children are: 1. Matthew, in the ignition business; married Rose Panczyk and has two children. 2. Mary, married John Trombly, connected with the Gulf Refining Company. 3. Frank, engaged in the plumbing business; married Ethel Tee. 4. Edward, a mason. 5. Paul, a guard in the Worcester County Jail; married Beatrice Mains and has five children. 6. Thomas, connected with the New England Power Company; married Grace Goeckler and has two children. 7. Frederick. 8. Aloysius. 9. Leo. 10. Helen. a graduate of Massachusetts State College. The Hehir residence is located at No. 4 Bayberry Road, Worcester.

ELBERT R. ALLEN—Born in Northford, Connecticut, Mr. Allen has spent his entire business life in the shoe industry. For seventeen years he was associated with the Regal Shoe Company, of Boston, for many years serving in the capacity of comptroller, and toward the last as director of manufacturing. In October, 1924, he entered the employ of Melville Shoe Corporation as comptroller, being elected to the office of treasurer in December, 1928.

The Melville corporation, largest and most important chain shoe store operator in the country, does no manufacturing of its own, but purchases virtually the entire output of some fifteen New England shoe factories for distribution through its 564 John Ward, Rival and Thom McAn stores. These stores, located in 281 cities in thirty-six states as far West as Phoenix, Arizona, constitute the largest strictly shoe retailing business in America. Headquarters of the company are at No. 555 Fifth Avenue, New York City, while the warehousing and accounting activities are maintained at No. 44 Hammond Street, Worcester, Massachusetts. Mr. Allen maintains his offices here, as do many of the company's merchandise executives and buyers.

The Melville warehouse, four stories in height and occupying nearly a city block, is accounted the most efficient of its kind anywhere in the world, having a daily handling capacity of 100,000 pairs of shoes.

WILLIAM GRAY HARRIS—General agent at Worcester, Massachusetts, for the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, William Gray Harris has been engaged in the insurance field in this city during his entire active career. He was first associated with the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, and in both connections has demonstrated his business leadership and unusual executive abilities. He is a well-known figure in Worcester life.

Mr. Harris was born at Poultney, Vermont, on September 22, 1879, a son of Charles F. and Mary (Gray) Harris, both natives of Vermont. His father, a machinist by occupation, is now retired.

William Gray Harris was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, and following completion of the high school course in 1896, entered Troy Conference Academy, at Poultney, from which he was graduated in 1898. In the fall of the same year he entered Wesleyan University, where he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Immediately afterwards he entered the insurance business at Worcester, Massachusetts, as associated general agent for the Provident Mutual

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Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia. He remained in this connection until 1922, playing an important part in the local development of the company's business. It was in 1922 that he was appointed general agent of the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati for the Worcester territory. Mr. Harris' services have been of great value to his company. He has been largely instrumental in strengthening the company throughout Worcester County, building up an extended business. Mr. Harris is a member of the Central Massachusetts Association of Life Insurance Underwriters and is president of the New England Association of Union Central agents.

Apart from his insurance connections, he is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Mr. Harris is an experienced mountain climber and finds his chief recreation in this hazardous sport. He has climbed Mt. Rainier, Mt. Katahdin, various peaks in the California ranges, has explored the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, and has climbed in Canada and Georgia. He has made over forty camping trips to the White Mountains, five trips to the Adirondacks, and ten to the Green Mountains. With his love for the outdoors and his recognition of the value of the outdoor life in building stalwart character, it is natural that Mr. Harris should be attracted to Boy Scout work. He is a member of the Boy Scout Council of Worcester, and chief examiner in camping for the Boy Scouts in the Worcester area. Mr. Harris worships in the Methodist faith. He is an accomplished musician, and for twenty-nine years has been organist and choir director of the Plymouth Church in Worcester.

On June 7, 1903, William Gray Harris married Bessie W. Legg, of Worcester. They are the parents of three children: 1. Sarah Fifield, born October 28, 1906. 2. Mary Gray, born on February 28, 1912. 3. Jean Paterson, born on December 8, 1914.

ALBERT EUGENE FAY—Among the men of the legal profession in Worcester is Albert Eugene Fay of the firm of Southgate, Fay and Hawley, patent lawyers, whose offices are located at No. 32 Franklin Street.

Albert Eugene Fay was born in East Brookfield, April 9, 1875, son of Willard W. Fay, a textile manufacturer of that town, and Betsy A. (Chapin) Fay, the latter a daughter of the Rev. Daniel E. Chapin. The Fay family traces descent from John Fay, who, when he was eight years old, sailed from England in the ship "Speedwell' in 1656, settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts, and in 1675 was one of the original proprietors of Worcester, where he owned a fifty-acre lot in the "eastern squadron," lying next to the county road to Boston. After attending the schools of East Brookfield and Brookfield High School, Mr. Fay became a student in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he completed his course with graduation in 1895, receiving at that time the degree of Bachelor of Science. Later he completed the necessary post-graduate work and in 1900 received the degree of Master of Science. For a time he was employed as a draughtsman in the loom works owned by the Draper Company, at Hopedale, later serving in the same capacity with the L. W. Pond Machine Company of Worcester and still later in the employ of the Lyman Mills of Holyoke. On April 2, 1898, he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War, becoming a member of Company D, 2d Massachusetts Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, and in the campaign in Cuba took part in the battle of El Caney, July 1; San Juan Hill, July 2-3; and in the siege of Santiago, July 3-10, 1898. In November, 1898, after the close of the war, he was appointed assistant examiner in the metallurgical department of the United States Patent Office at Washington, District of Columbia. This position he filled until January, 1904, when he resigned. He then associated himself with Munn and Company, patent solicitors of New York City. In March, 1906, he entered the employ of Southgate and Southgate, patent lawyers of Worcester, whose offices were located in the Graphic Arts building on Foster Street, Worcester, becoming a member of the firm, the other member at that time being L. W. Southgate. At the present time the firm, which consists of Albert E. Fay and Charles T. Hawley, operates under the name of Southgate, Fay and Hawley.

Along with his many professional activities, Mr. Fay, while in Washington, District of Columbia, found time to become a regular contributor to "Foundry," "The Iron Age," "The Iron and Steel Review," and other publications devoted to Metallurgy and allied subjects. He is a member of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, the Massachusetts Genealogical and Historical Society, the Massachusetts Society Sons of the American Revolution, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Spanish War Veterans, and the Rotary Club. His religious membership is with the First Universalist Church of Worcester.

Albert Eugene Fay married in Washington, District of Columbia, in 1900, Mary Elizabeth Rozelle, who was born in Denver, North Carolnia, daughter of Dr. Charles S. and Zana (Davenport) Rozelle, the latter born in Mecklenburg, North Carolina. Mrs. Fay's father received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and practiced his profession for many years in North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Fay are the parents of four children: 1. Barton, born in 1902, died May 1, 1921, while a freshman at Harvard College. 2. Elizabeth Davenport, married Luther B. Martin, a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, class of 1925. They make their home in Westfield, New Jersey, and have one son, Christopher Martin. 3. Charles Rozelle, born in 1908, a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, class of 1930, is now employed in the patent office at Washington and is also a student in the law department of George Washington University. 4. Chapin, born in 1915, is a sophomore in Williams College.

WILFRED L. CHENEY—Proprietor of one of the oldest printing houses operating under one name or ownership in Worcester, Wilfred L. Cheney has made his establishment one of the most select shops in the trade in this city and county. So high class is the quality of the work produced, that he is known as a specialist in printing for banks and insurance companies. His business is conducted under the style of Cheney, Printer, his establishment being advantageously located in the State Mutual Building.

The business was founded in 1867 by Mr. Cheney's father, Wheelock A. Cheney, who died July 7, 1907. The mother, prior to marriage, was Lavinia Browning, a native of Hubbardston, Worcester County, who died in 1919.

Wilfred L. Cheney was born in Worcester, March 20, 1872, and received his education in the public schools of this city and at the Highland Military Academy. On leaving school he became an associate of his father in the printing business, and he could not have served under a more desirable and expert preceptor. He soon became an able printer himself and thus was of greater value to the success of the business. The elder Mr. Cheney started the shop in 1867 at No. 418 Main Street, Worcester. As the business prospered, due largely to the fine quality of the work turned out, the old quarters became more and more incommodious, and in 1895 it became necessary to move to a larger place. Space was taken at No. 387 Main Street, and the shop was in this location for some years or until its removal to larger and modern quarters in the State Mutual Building on Walnut Street, where it continues to do high-class printing and is in receipt of a steadily increasing volume of business. Banks and insurance companies are among Mr. Cheney's largest and most constant customers, for they have experienced the fact that his class of work always is of superior grade, never deviating from the standard long ago set up by this shop. This situation has come about in goodly measure during the present ownership of the business, which began in 1905, when the son came into the business and has since conducted it on such a high plane. Cheney the Printer is regarded as one of the lively assets of the commercial life of Worcester.

Mr. Cheney has served an enlistment in the Massachusetts National Guard. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and in Masonry is a Knight Templar, a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Worcester Country Club and of a number of other social organizations. His religious fellowship is with Plymouth Congregational Church, Worcester, where he has been a member and trustee.

Mr. Cheney married, in 1890, Emma M. Magurrin, a native of Massachusetts. Their home in Worcester is one of culture and refinement. In it Mr. Cheney has a large and select library, his works and illustrations on the old clipper ships being one of the largest extant in a private home. Among men of Worcester he is rated very highly for his business ability and standing and for his personal qualities.

REV. JAMES T. REILLY—The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, at Spencer, is one of the older Roman Catholic parishes in New England and has been in existence for approximately eighty years. The present pastor, the Rev. James T. Reilly, is the successor of a long line of worthy priests.

The earliest known Roman Catholic in Spencer was Thomas Forrest, an Irish immigrant, who settled here between 1832 and 1835. In 1837 his two brothers, John and Richard Forrest, joined him and all worked on "The Western Railroad." Father Fitton tells us that he had "a station" at Spencer, and therefore he must have held services at Spencer some time before 1839. In the spring of 1840, Jean Corbeil, a French Canadian, took up his residence in the "Yellow House" on the Proctor farm. His was the second Roman Catholic family in Spencer. He was known to the community as John Kirby, an Anglicized form of the French name. John and Richard Forrest, brothers of the original Irish settler, lived with Jean Corbeil, to whom they were drawn by sympathy of faith. This kindly friendship between the two races represented in the Roman Catholic population of Spencer has continued ever since their day.

In the autumn of 1843 and the spring of 1844 several other Canadian families made a settlement in the town and in 1845 the first mass was offered by Father M. W. Gibson in what was known for years as the "Long House," then owned by Allen Ure. In 1846 Charles Fontain was baptized by Father Gibson in the "Long House." He was the first to receive Catholic baptism in Spencer. Until the year 1852 there were no regular services, but in the autumn of that year Father L'Eveque came to Spencer and began regular meetings in the home of Aleck Bouvier. About this time preparations were begun for building a church. The land upon which the Presbytery now stands was purchased from Lorenzo Livermore on March 7, 1853, and in the following summer Father L'Eveque began the building of a frame church. There were then about one hundred Catholics in the community. The corner stone of the church was laid on the first Sunday in October, Rosary Sunday, 1853, and on that day the entire Catholic population gathered in the Town Hall and filed, in a procession led by the pastor, to the site of the church. The work of building was continued all through the winter and early spring, and in May, 1854, the first services were held in the new church. On the first Sunday in October 1854, the church was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. P. T. Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Boston, assisted by the Rev. James Fitton, the Rev. John Boyce, the Rev. Edward Sheridan and Father L'Eveque. Father L'Eveque was designated by Bishop Fitzpatrick to bless the corner stone and the parish was put under the special protection of the Mother of God, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

Father L'Eveque, the first resident Catholic priest in Spencer, was ordained by the Rt. Rev. Bernard Claude Parret, second Archbishop of Quebec, on January 6, 1831. He spent the first years of his ministry in Canada and thereafter was pastor of several churches in France, but finally returned to Canada. In 1852 he came to the United States, spending most of his time in Worcester County. Following the dedication of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Father L'Eveque resigned his pastorate for one year in order that he might collect funds wherewith to pay back those who had helped him finance the building of the church. He returned the following year with what he had gathered and made payment so far as the resources at his disposal permitted, arranging thereafter that revenues of the church should be used for this purpose until the deficit was met. Father L'Eveque then spent six years at Gethsemane, Kentucky, returning to Worcester County in 1861. He died in New Jersey on February 13, 1862.

Father L'Eveque was succeeded as pastor of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary by Father

Meigneault, who came from Webster and had charge until December, 1857. In his time the first Catholic Cemetery was opened and the body of Michael Mead was interred there on February 20, 1857. In August, 1858, Father Quan assumed charge of the parish and some time afterwards, he made an offer to the Jesuit Priests of Holy Cross College to exchange the mission of Southbridge for that of Spencer. The Jesuits, among whom were Father J. C. Moore, Father Charles Kelly and Father Thomas Sheerin, thenceforward attended services at Spencer regularly until January, 1871. Father Quan was succeeded in September, 1864, by Father Vigilant. He purchased a new cemetery and in 1867 erected a transept and vestry to the church.

In 1872, when there were about 2,500 Catholics in the town, Spencer was made a parish and the Rev. Julius Cosson became the first resident pastor of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary. He purchased a small strip of land along Prospect Street from the old cemetery to the new cemetery, and here erected a rectory which he occupied in 1872. In May, three years later, he also purchased property on the south side of Proctor Street and in January, 1878, bought a house and land adjoining the West End property. Father Cosson died on July 25, 1878, and was succeeded two days after his death by Father Thomas Beaven, later Bishop of Springfield, who had been his assistant since January 25, of the preceding year. In 1882 Father Beaven purchased land adjoining the original purchase and on May 1, 1883, began the erection of a new church. The corner stone was laid on August 5, 1883, and the exterior walls were up and the building roofed by the following December. The new church was dedicated on Rosary Sunday, 1887, by the Rt. Rev. P. T. O'Reilly. It embodied the Gothic style of architecture and has since been a source of great satisfaction to the people of the parish.

The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary is the fortunate possessor of a rare series of richly colorful windows. They represent a triumph in the art of stained glass window production and have been declared by many visitors to the church to be unsurpassed in New England. These windows were imported nearly half a century ago from Bavaria, which has been the world center for window art production for seven hundred years. The figures stand out with a vivid clarity and an almost photographic distinctness and accuracy. When the setting sun gleams through, working its magic alchemy, the countenances portrayed by the artists glint with a glittering grandeur that suggests living gold and incites reverence for those unknown craftsmen who perpetuated in glass such beauty of thought and marvelous harmony of color. The windows, seventeen in number, commemorate and illustrate with inspiring vividness outstanding events in the life of Jesus Christ and of his Blessed Mother, Mary. The subjects are: "The Annunciation," "The Visitation," "The Nativity," "The Presentation in the Temple," "Christ, as a Boy, Teaching in the Temple," "The Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane," "The Flagellation," "The Crowning with Thorns," "The Carrying of the Cross," "The Crucifixion," "The Resurrection," "The Ascension," "The Pentecost," "The Assumption," "The Coronation," "St. Mary, as Mother of Mercy," and "Our Lady of the Rosary." The church is open daily to reverent visitors, thus affording an opportunity for meditation and prayer in a rarely beautiful setting.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Thomas Beaven, the parish of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary was divided and the Rev. C. R. Viens, an assistant to Father Beaven, was appointed pastor of the new parish composed of the French-Canadian people of Spencer. Father Beaven was succeeded on December 5, 1888, by the Rev. Garrett Dolan, who remained until 1899 and was followed by Father O'Grady. After him came Father McCaugham, who was pastor of the church for nineteen years. The next pastor of the church was Father Patrick A. Mannion, who died here after eight years of service. He was succeeded by the Rev. John S. Boland, who remained until 1933, when he resigned because of ill health. These priests all carried forward the work of the parish with vigor, fidelity and piety.

The present pastor of the Church of the Lady of the Rosary, Father James T. Reilly, succeeded Father Boland in July, 1933. He was born at Grafton, Massachusetts, and received his preliminary education in the grammar and high school there. Subsequently he attended Holy Cross College, Worcester, and later the Grand Seminary at Montreal, returning at the end of that time to Springfield, where he was ordained to the priesthood on July 11, 1905. Father Reilly was assigned to missionary work and sent to different stations throughout the United States, visiting missions in forty states and traveling extensively over the whole country. During his career of twenty years as a missionary priest, he preached in the archdioceses of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Toronto, Cincinnati, New Orleans and Santa Fé, New Mexico; and in the dioceses of Springfield, Trenton, Cleveland, Columbus, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Hamilton, Toledo, Buffalo, Syracuse, Brooklyn, Burlington, Fall River, Los Angeles and Seattle. After more than two decades of service as a missionary, he was appointed pastor of the church at Otter River, Worcester County, and from that community came to Spencer as pastor of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary. In his labors here, Father Reilly has won the affection of his parish and the respect of the city at large. He is an able administrator and true pastor of his flock—their friend and counselor as well as their spiritual leader.

DR. FRANK HALL WASHBURN—One of the best known and most successful surgeons in Massachusetts is Dr. Frank Hall Washburn, chief of staff of the Holden District Hospital, who is also consulting surgeon of the Rutland State Sanatorium and the Harrington Memorial Hospital of Southbridge, and thoracic surgeon of the Worcester County Sanatorium.

Lorenzo Stone Washburn, father of Dr. Washburn, was born in Paris, Maine, moving at the age of seven to Falmouth, Maine, where he received his education and spent the earlier half of his life, later moving to Portland. He early engaged in the brick-making business in Falmouth and afterwards in Westbrook, Maine. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Brotherhood and attended the Free-will Baptist Church of Falmouth, Maine. He died in Portland, Maine, at the age of seventy-eight. He

married Mary Maria Barker, who was born in Hansport, Nova Scotia, Canada, and died at the home of her son, Dr. Washburn, at the age of seventy-five. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church of Falmouth, Maine, and for many years was superintendent of its Sunday school. They became the parents of four children: 1. Freeland, who died in infancy. 2. Ida M., of Holden. 3. Harriet M., who married Fred M. Genthner of Gorham, Maine. 4. Dr. Frank Hall, of further mention.

Dr. Frank Hall Washburn was born in Falmouth, Maine, September 21, 1871, and received his early education in the public schools of that town. After attending Westbrook Seminary two years, he took a course in Gray's Business College at Portland, later attended Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and became a registered pharmacist, practicing that profession in Boston for a time. With this preparation he entered Tufts College Medical School and in 1899 was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1922 he was made a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

After graduation from Tufts he began practice, but after a few months entered the Lynn Hospital where he served an interneship in 1899-1900. He then located in Jefferson, Massachusetts, coming to Holden seven years later where he has actively and successfully continued in practice to the present time. During the first year in practice in Holden he did the pathological laboratory work at the State Sanatorium in Rutland.

From the beginning Dr. Washburn has naturally been interested in hospital work, where the facilities for surgical operations are most complete. As the years passed his interest in hospital organization and equipment increased, and, like all men of creative ability, he cherished a desire to aid in the creation and organization of a hospital which should approach as nearly as possible his ideal for such institutions. In course of time his dream came true. Back in 1912, Mrs. George Jenkins opened a small hospital of five beds in a private house which she owned, known as Holden Cottage Hospital. Its opportunities for usefulness outgrew its capacity, and in this small privately owned hospital Dr. Washburn recognized the possible beginnings of the hospital of his dreams. An association was formed, with Dr. Washburn as one of the most active promoters of the project. It purchased the plant from Mrs. Jenkins, renamed it the Holden Hospital, Inc., and proceeded to enlarge and develop its resources. In 1922 Rutland and other neighboring towns became interested and the name was changed to Holden District Hospital. In 1923 the present beautiful hospital building was erected. Artistically designed, built of brick, and equipped with every possible convenience and appliance, Holden District Hospital, offering accommodation for about forty patients, is one of the finest of its size in Massachusetts. Its staff, permanent and consulting, of which Dr. Washburn is chief, includes twenty-five of the most skilled specialists in Worcester and near-by towns. Holden Clinic, of which Dr. Washburn is head, with its staff of five expert specialists, each having his own office, and with its consultation room and Dr. Washburn's public and private offices, is, so far as is known, the only complete clinic in any town in Massachusetts. This clinic was founded by Dr. Washburn in 1920, in association with Dr. George Arnold Rice (q. v.), a surgeon and specialist in diseases of the ear, nose, and throat, who is still associated with the clinic. Three more specialists have been added, raising the clinic staff at present to five skilled specialists. There is an excellent laboratory and a splendid medical library, and in every detail the Holden Clinic has been made thoroughly efficient and up-to-date. Dr. Washburn and his associates have good reason to be proud of Holden Clinic and also of Holden District Hospital.

In addition to the numerous and exacting professional duties mentioned above, Dr. Washburn was health officer of the town of Holden for thirty years. He is a preceptor at Tufts College Medical Schools and a member of the American Medical Association; Massachusetts Medical Society, of the council of which he is a member; Worcester District Medical Society, of which he is a past president; Wachusett Medical Society; American Urological Association; New England Urological Society; Trudeau Society; American Society of Regional Anaesthesia; and New England Roentgen-Ray Society. He is also a member of the National Society of Puritan Descendants. During the period of the World War he served as examiner on the draft board. Fraternally, he is well known in Masonic circles, being a member and Past Master of Boylston Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester County Commandery; Knights Templar; and Aletheia Grotto, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. He is also a charter member and past patron of Wachusett Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Holden, and a member of the Asnebuncket Tribe of Red Men. He was the first president of the Holden Trowell Club, and is a member of the Wachusett Country Club, a past president of the Worcester Fox Club, a member of the Worcester County Fish and Game Association, the National Rifle Association of America and several other sportsmen's organizations. He is also an honorary member of Alpha Kappa Kappa Greek letter society of Tufts College Medical School.

Dr. Frank Hall Washburn married, May 10, 1892, Bessie M. Carter, of Portland, Maine, daughter of Captain James Carter, of that city, and of Lucy W. (Johnson) Carter. Dr. and Mrs. Washburn became the parents of four children: 1. Agnes M., died January 17, 1929, a graduate of Worcester City Hospital Training School for Nurses; married Percy H. Bedell, and they had three children: Ralph, Shirley, and Olive. 2. Frank H., Jr., a manufacturer of orthopedic appliances, with offices in Worcester; married Dora Veitch and they have three children: Frank H., Elaine, and Doris E. 3. Lorenzo S., employed in the laboratory of the Norton Grinding Company of Worcester, at present with their plant in England; married Margaret Henderson, and they have two children: Channing and Paul. 4. Edith Mildred, a nurse in Philadelphia.

JOSEPH S. WESBY—Identified for practically his entire business life with J. S. Wesby and Sons, one of the oldest binding establishments in Worcester County, Joseph S. Wesby, grandson of the founder, of the same name, of the concern, is general manager of the business. He has been instrumental in promoting its success and carrying

forward its high reputation for superior work in its different departments.

Joseph S. (1) Wesby, in 1842, started in business on his own account, doing boodbinding and maintaining a retail bookstore adjoining the Star Theatre Building, Worcester. The store was destroyed, when the theatre burned, January 29, 1854. As the business increased in volume, larger quarters were occupied, and two sons of the senior Mr. Wesby, Herbert and Edward, came into the firm, the title of which was later changed to J. S. Wesby and Sons, by which name it has since been known. The two sons, progressively inclined men, were active in the erection of the Graphic Arts Building, on Foster Street, where the business was housed until it was transferred to the company's new location in its modern plant at No. 44 Portland Street, where it has one of the best-equipped establishments in the trade. A staff of about forty-five persons is employed, most of whom are highly skilled hands, and the products have a wide reputation for artistic tone and generally superior quality. Its bookbinding and ruling features, especially, are considered to be of particularly high grade. The output is distributed throughout New England, which is classified by the company as its territory of operations. Joseph S. (1) Wesby married Anne E. Puffer, a member of an old Leicester family. Of their two sons, Herbert and Edward, see the following paragraphs.

Herbert Wesby, the elder son of Joseph S. (1) and Anne E. (Puffer) Wesby, was born in Worcester, August 30, 1855, and was educated in the public schools of the city. He married Elizabeth A. Bullock, of Worcester. Since young manhood he has been a member of J. S. Wesby and Sons. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and all of the Scottish Rite bodies, including the Consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Edward Wesby, younger son of Joseph S. (1) and Anne E. (Puffer) Wesby, was born in Worcester and received his education in the local public schools. Since entering J. S. Wesby and Sons as an aid and partner of his father, the founder, he has been uninterruptedly associated with the concern. He is a life-member of the Free and Accepted Masons and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married Edna W. Earle, of Massachusetts. Their children are: 1. Maude E., a graduate of Smith College. 2. Joseph S. (2), see a later paragraph.

Joseph S. (2) Wesby, son of Edward and Edna W. (Earle) Wesby, was born in Worcester, March 20, 1891, and attended the public schools of this city. He graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Amherst College in the class of 1913. Shortly thereafter he became associated with J. S. Wesby and Sons and was made general manager, which office he has since filled. He is a contributing force to the success of the establishment. In the civic life of Worcester he takes a keen interest and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and also of the Consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, and of a member of other societies, including the Worcester Country Club and the Kiwanis Club.

Joseph S. (2) Wesby married, in 1916, Mary J. Macgowan, of Worcester, and they have a son, Joseph S. (3) Wesby, Jr., born December 9, 1917.

REV. G. H. DOLAN—The account of St. Louis' Church, Webster, will be better understood by a review of the history of this parish and the work of the Catholic Church in this community. The first Mass in Webster was said probably by Father A. Williamson, of Worcester County, in 1844. In 1847 Father Logan, of the Society of Jesus, from Holy Cross College, Worcester, was assigned to look after the Catholic people all along the line to Norwich. This continued until his death, at New London, Connecticut, in 1850. The work was then taken up by the Rev. Peter Blenkinsop, of the same college, who was in charge until the erection of the church. The excavating for the church was done by the members of the parish after their day's work, thus showing their great interest in the new church. The corner stone of this church was laid on September 2, 1851, by Bishop Fitzpatrick. The church measures 100 by 50 feet. Father Gibson superintended the work of building, while Father Blenkinsop attended the spiritual needs of the people.

In 1853 Webster was made a separate parish. The first resident pastor was the Rev. Napoleon Meigneault, who came to Webster in 1853. This pastor was very active and had charge of the Catholics in ten towns. The church, which cost $80,000, was completed and dedicated in 1853 by the Rev. John Boyce, of Worcester. Two years later a bell was placed in the tower. The second pastor, Father Quan, took charge August 31, 1858, and he served until his death on October 7, 1893.

Those years constituted a period of marked development and growth. Father Meigneault had struggled hard, and Father Quan, in continuing the work, made certain changes in order to meet the needs of the times. In 1864 ground was purchased for a cemetery. This was dedicated November 25, 1864. In 1866, at an expense of $20,000, he enlarged the church edifice to double its previous seating capacity, and also arranged for a rectory, which was built at a cost of $7,500. The rectory was later made into a convent for the sisters who teach in the school and is still used for this purpose. In 1870 he built a chapel known as St. Patrick's. The parish school was opened in the basement of the church, August 31, 1882, and Sisters were employed as teachers. Later he purchased the Amadon estate, on which if necessary a convent might be placed. In 1893 he built a fine school in Negus Street, Webster, opened in September of that year. He also built a new altar and frescoed the interior of the church and chapel at a cost of $14,000. The new church was dedicated on November 15, 1894 after his death. This was greatly regretted by his hosts of friends who had hoped to see him present at the dedication.

This new edifice is of splendid Gothic architecture, and on the church lawn stands a monument to Father Quan. The monument bears the following inscription:

To the Memory of
Father Quan
b. Aug. 15, 1814—d. Oct. 7, 1893
Requiescat in pace.

The base is of Quincy granite, surmounted by a large stone of similar substance, beautifully polished. Above is the beautifully carved bust of Father Quan, in white marble, and on each of the four corners at this point, just outside the figure, are four polished granite posts. Topping them is a large stone upon which is carved a Mal-

tese Cross, which is surmounted by a cap stone upon which rests an unfinished granite Cross about four feet high. The land for the church cemetery was also purchased during Father Quan's pastorate. He was a man much beloved by his people through the thirty-five years of his labors.

On October 7, 1893, upon the death of Father Quan, the Rev. John T. Madden took charge of the parish affairs. He remodeled the church and organ gallery, built the sacristy back of St. Patrick's Chapel, and made other improvements for all of which he was held in the highest affection and esteem by his parishioners. On November 3, 1903, Father Dolan came to assume charge of St. Louis' Church.

Rev. G. H. Dolan, the late pastor of St. Louis' Church, Webster, was born at Worcester on March 4, 1848. He was the son of Lawrence Dolan, who came with his wife from Ireland in 1847 and settled in Worcester, among the early Irish settlers of this region. They reared a family of eleven children. His father lived to the age of eighty-seven and the mother to the age of eighty-nine years. Two of their sons became priests, the Rev. James Dolan, who is now pastor of a church at Mittineague, Massachusetts, near Springfield, and Rev. G. H. Dolan, of this review.

The Rev. G. H. Dolan had come to occupy a place of leadership in his church and in the community of Webster. He was reared in Worcester and lived in early life near Lake Quinsigamond. Educated in the public schools, he then attended Ellicott College in Maryland, where he spent four years. Then, returning to Worcester, he became a student at Holy Cross College, where he was graduated in 1878. He next studied at the Grand Seminary, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, and on September 28, 1881, was ordained a priest. Assigned to Springfield, Massachusetts, he remained for eight years in that city, then went to Spencer, where he was made a pastor and remained for thirteen years. His next pastorate was in Pittsfield, where he continued his work for two years until he took over his last charge on November 3, 1903. During his pastorate, the church membership of St. Louis' parish had increased, until in 1933 there were 2,600 souls in the parish. In 1929 Father Dolan built a school of fourteen rooms, containing all the latest and most modern equipment. The building is strictly fireproof and is one of the finest in Massachusetts. This school has a seating capacity of seven hundred and fifty pupils and cost $225,000. There are now four hundred eighty-four pupils and classes are taught by twelve Sisters.

Father Dolan was the oldest man in this diocese engaged in active work in the church, having been a priest for more than half a century. He had two curates, the Rev. F. C. Leahy and the Rev. Joseph Lacey. He took a lively interest in the general affairs of the parish, including its societies: The Holy Name Society, the Ladies' Sodality, and the Children of Mary.

In the course of his long years of service, Father Dolan had earned the honor and love of his flock and of the entire Webster community. He had a wide acquaintance and had carried his spiritual leadership beyond the boundaries of the parish. His friends were many and loyal. Webster was, indeed, fortunate in having such a man as the priest of St. Louis, and an example of the higher type of Christian manhood.

The curates of the church have been the following: Rev. John B. Purcell, 1867 to 1868; Rev. Charles F. Grace, 1873 to 1877; Rev. James Donahoe, 1878 to 1880; Rev. T. F. Murphy, 1880 and 1881; Rev. John F. Redican, 1882 to 1886; Rev. T. E. Purcell, 1886 to 1891; Rev. L. J. Derwin, 1891 to 1892; Rev. P. J. Griffin, 1892 to 1893; and Rev. P. J. O'Malley, 1893.

TIMOTHY F. DAILEY—All his life, Timothy F. Dailey, of Athol, general insurance representative, has been up and doing, ever taking time by the forelock. His characteristic of alertness was manifested soon after the 1932 Presidential election, for hardly was the ink dry on the printed returns, showing the overwhelming Democratic victory, than he announced himself his party's candidate for the office of postmaster of his town. At the time, the appointment to succeed the Republican incumbent was three years in the offing, but he informed his friends of his aspiration and solicited their support. He based his appeal on his work as Democratic leader in his district for several years.

Mr. Dailey's father, William H. Dailey, was born in Kerry, Ireland, in 1844 and was one of a family of thirteen children. At the age of five years he was brought to Montreal, Canada, in the company of his parents. Not long afterward the family crossed the international boundary and settled in Ludlow, Vermont. He was educated in the public schools of that town and then took up farming. Subsequently he went to work as a teamster for the Ludlow Woolen Mills and still later entered the employ of the Black River Woolen Mills as a factory hand. Due to a severe injury, he gave up work at the mills and became connected with the public school department of Ludlow. He died in April, 1929. In his obituary in the Ludlow, Vermont, "Tribune," of April 26, he was spoken of as "one of Ludlow's oldest and most highly respected citizens." His wife, who was Mary Sullivan, was born in Danby, Vermont, and died in January, 1909. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dailey: 1. John H., died March 2, 1930. 2. Nellie, now Mrs. John E. Keating. 3. Joseph E. 4. Timothy F., of whom further. 5. Catherine, now Mrs. Arthur Page. 6. Henry G. 7. Margaret. 8. Daniel, died in infancy.

Timothy F. Dailey was born in Ludlow, Vermont, January 24, 1880, and received his education in the public schools and Black River Academy in his native town. While pursuing his studies and during vacation period he was industriously busying himself with doing many different kinds of work. In addition he helped his father with the home work. The Daileys lived in the village, but a village home then was much like a small farm. At a tender age he was employed in the woolen mills on an average of eleven and one-quarter hours a day during the school vacation seasons. He sold newspapers on the streets—the weeklies at first, and afterwards when the dailies came, making five dollars a week—some weeks, when business was good. At this time he also earned fifteen cents a night—when the moon didn't shine—lighting the street lamps. In the summertime he drove twenty or thirty cows to pasture

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and then back at night for the milking. In the winter he took care of stoves for different people and institutions, removed ashes, shoveled snow. In the open seasons he did various odd jobs, as mowing lawns; always a hard worker, often rising at 4 A. M. in order to complete his tasks in time to get to school. His health became delicate, but he kept right on and became so expert at baseball that he was looked upon as possible "big league timber." For ten years (1895-1905) he was an outstanding first-baseman on fast semi-professional teams in Vermont.

At the age of fourteen, he became an apprentice to the Ludlow, Vermont, "Tribune," to learn the printer's trade. At the head of this paper was the Rev. Evan Thomas, who preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class at Black River Academy, of which former President Calvin Coolidge was a member. Two years and a half passed, and Mr. Dailey was made foreman of the "Tribune" plant. During this association of eight years he was advanced to superintendent and elected vice-president of the Vermont Printing Company, of which John G. Sargent, former Attorney-General of the United States, was president. In 1903 he went to the Randall-Sleeper Press, where he remained two years, and later was with the "Springfield Reporter" at Springfield, Vermont.

Mr. Dailey came to Athol on September 15, 1905, to be foreman of the Athol Transcript Company, publishers of the "Athol Transcript." After filling the position for seven years, he resigned on account of ill health. In 1912 he established the T. F. Dailey printing plant, and this business he conducted for twelve years with success. It was called one of the best small printing plants in New England, and had for its motto: "Common things done uncommonly well." He attained a reputation for thoroughness, excellence of equipment and efficiency. In 1924 he disposed of the business to Charles E. Bittinger, of Northfield.

While he was carrying forward the printing plant, he also conducted an insurance business, and the two lines grew to a size where he found it impossible to give the time to both that they demanded of him. Since withdrawing from the printing department, he has made a fine success of his general insurance business. He is a member of the Worcester-North Fire Underwriters Association, Massachusetts Association of Insurance Agents, and National Association of Insurance Agents. His contributions to the civic advance of Athol have been large and numerous in their varied applications. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was its secretary in 1928-32. From 1926 to 1929 he served on the Athol Advisory Committee, the last two years as clerk, and at the same time was secretary of the campaign for "advertising the city of Athol." He was the first man in Worcester County to receive a medallion as a "Shareholder in America." Appointed a member of the Athol-Orange joint committee, created to obtain a reduction in the rates of gas and electricity, he served as secretary of that body. He was secretary of the Athol Unemployment Committee from December, 1930, to April, 1931. The Rotary Club has in him one of its most enthusiastic members, and he filled the office of vice-president in 1932-33 and of president in 1933-34. He was treasurer of the Birthday Ball for the President for Athol and neighboring towns, January 30, 1934. It was considered the finest community event of its kind ever held in this locality, and on February 1 a check in the amount of $750., representing the net proceeds, was mailed to the national treasurer of this enterprise.

As has been already mentioned, Mr. Dailey is a Democrat in political alignment; he calls himself and is known as an "independent" in his party. He is a natural political leader, and his abilities as an organizer and campaigner have won him recognition in high circles of Democracy. In 1928 he was president of the Athol "Smith for President" Club, and in 1934 he was president of the "Roosevelt Club of Athol." He is a member of the Athol Democratic Town Committee and has been its secretary since 1930. A member of the Worcester County Democratic League, he was elected its financial secretary in 1932. He is a member of the financial committee of the Democratic State Committee and since 1930 he has been a member and the field secretary of the Jefferson Society of Massachusetts. He has been honored with the appointment of director of the "Shareholders of America" movement for Worcester County by the Democratic National Committee. A charter member of Athol Council, No. 1182, Knights of Columbus, he served as lecturer and a member of the entertainment committee in 1927-28. His enthusiasm for baseball has never waned and he is known as one of the most ardent of fans. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church. Throughout the years that he has been handicapped by a state of poor health, he has maintained a cheerful outlook on life and through sheer exercise of will-power has forged steadily ahead in the affairs and the esteem of the people of his community.

Mr. Dailey married, September 28, 1910, at Athol, Inez A. Sellig, daughter of Herman and Mary (Ratigan) Sellig. They have their home at No. 434 Crescent Street, and Mr. Dailey his business address at No. 415 Main Street, Athol.

MAURICE FRANCIS REIDY—As a realtor and civic-minded citizen, Maurice Francis Reidy has contributed greatly to the advancement and betterment of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts. He is one of that too rare type of men who have vision and are courageous to back their faith in the future of a community to the limits of their resources and energies. He is a native of Worcester, born July 18, 1876, and was educated in the local schools including St. John's High School of which he is a graduate. While still in his teens he began making a livelihood as a clerk in the office of the Worcester Gas Light Company. From 1905 to 1909 he held a similar position with the J. T. Healy Tourist Office. He was now thirty-three years of age, and now thoroughly familiar with his native city, its commerce and manufactures, its geography and development. He believed that there was still a greater growth coming, and thought that he knew in what sections this expansion would take place. He had handled real estate in a small way, and been uniformly successful. Feeling that the time had come for him to branch out for himself, he resigned his place with the Healy office and enlisted all that he had of time and means and capabilities in the work of a realtor. In 1914 Mr. Reidy formed an insurance partnership under the name of Reidy, Coe and Company, a firm whose

members in addition to himself consisted of John D. Coe, Edward B. Moor and Carl Bonner, handling both real estate and insurance. Mr. Reidy retained his real estate offices at No. 2 Foster Street. His career has been briefly described in "Worcester and Its People," of which the following is a partial quotation:

As his reputation grew, he became in a comparatively few years one of the foremost men in his line of business. His knowledge of real estate in the city and his judgment as to values and future values of property came into demand, especially in the larger transactions. Few of the largest transfers of real estate in recent years have taken place without his advice and aid in a professional capacity. He represented the various owners in buying the land and assisting in the construction of the latest large office building, the Park Building, in Worcester. In the development of various residential parks, he has been an important factor, one of the most prominent in the movement of the last decade that has made this city one of the finest in the land, considered merely from the standpoint of attractive houses. He belongs to a group of men who have contributed greatly to the growth and development of the city by their progressive ideas, large investments in real estate designed for home-builders and who have wrought marvelous changes in the hills and valleys lying about the older city. The Burgess-Lang Building on Central and Commercial streets was promoted by Mr. Reidy. This is one of the best industrial buildings in the East and has been the most important addition to Worcester's industrial resources for many years. In it there are over 160,000 square feet of renting space and it has attracted such tenants as the Dennison Manufacturing Company, the Majestic Manufacturing Company and others of a like character. The Graphic Arts Building, another fireproof commercial building, on Foster Street, is another important structure for which Mr. Reidy was leasing agent. The C. R. Walker Building on Federal Street which is the home of the "Worcester Evening Post," "L'Opinion Publique" and the "Catholic Messenger" is another contribution to Worcester's development engineered by Mr. Reidy.

Mr. Reidy has always kept in close touch with other men in his business as a member of the local, State and National real estate organizations. He has served as a vice-president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, of which he is now a director. For two years he was president of the Massachusetts Association of Real Estate Boards. Among the city organizations of which he is a member are: Chamber of Commerce. Among other clubs and societies are: Worcester Country Club, Knights of Columbus, Red Cross Society, of which he is a member of the executive board. He is a director of the Worcester County National Bank of Worcester, the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, the Worcester Electric Light Company, and the Royal Worcester Corset Company. Politics have interested him as much as any normal citizen, but more as a means to bring about a better and more beautiful development of the municipality than the honor of holding office. He was for some years on the school committee. In the years 1912 and 1913, he was a member of the board of aldermen and served on many of its important committees. He served for four years with the St. John's Cadets. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church.

Maurice Francis Reidy married, in 1912, Eunice M. Darney, a native of Worcester, daughter of James H. Darney, well known in Worcester circles, a veteran of the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Reidy are the parents of four children: Maurice Francis, Jr., in 1932, a student at Georgetown University, Robert C., James, and Philip.

NELSON P. WOOD—As secretary of the largest insurance company in Worcester, and one of the largest in the State of Massachusetts, Nelson P. Wood has not only achieved a remarkable success but has won the esteem of the business men and financiers of the city. During the more than a quarter of a century that he has made his home in Worcester, he has become a familiar and popular figure in the fraternal and club life of the community, and as a civic-minded citizen has done a great deal to further the advancement of the municipality and the welfare of its people. He is a native of Massachusetts, born September 27, 1890, at Gardner, son of James S. and Lillian H. (Pesham) Wood, the former of whom died in 1927.

After completing his education in the public schools, Nelson P. Wood, at the age of fifteen years, became an office boy for the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, and steadily began to work his way through various positions to the secretaryship of this outstanding corporation. He exercised all his gifts of mental ability, keen sense of values, a strict integrity of character and a capacity for hard continuous work. But it was not until he had completed a quarter of a century with the corporation that he was elevated to the position of secretary, a position which all agree was thoroughly merited. Mr. Wood is a trustee of the Worcester County Institution for Savings and one of the incorporators of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank.

He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of the Blue Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, Knights Templar, and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, also all the Scottish Rite bodies up to and including the Consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, and Aletheia Grotto, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. During the period of the United States' participation in the World War, Mr. Wood served with the famous New England "Yankee" Division, the first full division of former National Guardsmen and enlisted soldiers to be sent overseas. He was honorably discharged at the end of his term of service with the rank of sergeant. Among the various organizations of which Mr. Wood is a member are: the Chamber of Commerce, the Exchange Club, Economics Club, Shaffner Club, and the Worcester Country Club. He is a Past Commander of the General Devens Post, American Legion; and is one of the executive officials of the Boy Scouts, an organization in which he is deeply interested. He is also on the board of directors of the Worcester Boys' Club. Politics have taken very little of Mr. Wood's time and political preferment has no lure for him. He has served his community usefully as a member of the executive board of the Worcester Safety Council.

DONALD W. CAMPBELL—The State Mutual Life Assurance Company, largest corporation of Worcester, Massachusetts, has been able to bring some of the finest of the younger business men of the East, such as Donald W. Campbell, into its fold, and add another to the remarkable group of financiers, industrialists and insurance men. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Elkland, Tioga County, November 22, 1892, son

of Archie W. and Adelaide (Whitaker) Campbell, the first, born at Campbell, New York, and the latter, at Dansville, of that State, and who died in 1925. The town of Campbell was named after members of his family who were the pioneers in its settlement. The senior Mr. Campbell is chairman of the board of the United Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Donald W. Campbell received the preliminaries of his education in the public grade and high schools, matriculated at Princeton University, New Jersey, and was graduated with the class of 1914, holding the degree of Bachelor of Science. His collegiate career gave evidence of varied abilities and the possibility of future success as a writer. He had not gone far in business life before the entrance of the United States into the World War turned him aside for a time. He enlisted in the army of his country and was assigned to the 41st Artillery Brigade, Coast Artillery Corps, of the Regular Army, and saw service with the American Expeditionary Forces. He served throughout the conflict and was honorably discharged holding the rank of first lieutenant. He is now a major in the Reserve Officers' Corps.

Shortly after his return to this country, he became interested in the bond and security business, and in 1926 came with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company to accept a post in the treasurer's department. A year later, 1927, he was made assistant-treasurer, a position he held until 1933, when elected treasurer. In addition to his position with this corporation, Mr. Campbell is a director of the Mechanics National Bank of Worcester, a director of the Merchants and Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Peoples Savings Bank, also of Worcester.

Donald W. Campbell is a Past Commander and member of the Devens Post, American Legion, and among his clubs are the Worcester and the Tatnuck Country Club. He is also a trustee of the Worcester Natural History Society, and thoroughly interested in the history and development of the section in which he now makes his home. Without ostentation or prominence he does his share to help those less fortunate than himself, and contributes both of time and means to humanitarian movements and projects which aim at the advancement of Worcester.

In 1920 Mr. Campbell married Jeanette I. Hoskins, who was born in Beirut, Syria, and they are the parents of Jean H., born May 29, 1931.

GILBERT GATES DAVIS—A fair name and honorable record, together with a prosperous business, were achieved by the late Gilbert Gates Davis, founder and president of The Davis Press, Incorporated, one of the more important concerns given to high grade printing and publishing, in this section of New England. This establishment, located in finely equipped and commodious quarters in the Printers Building on Portland Street, Worcester, stands as a monument to the memory of this man of proved business sagacity and foresight, technical and executive ability, universally respected by his contemporaries.

In various lines of ancestry, according to family data and history, Gilbert Gates Davis was descended from pioneers of Massachusetts. Dolor Davis was the progenitor of Governor Davis and many other prominent men of this country and city. David Davis, a descendant of Dolor Davis, was a soldier in the Revolution, in which he served as a captain. His shoe-buckles and spurs were handed down the line to his great-grandson, Gilbert G. Davis. David (2) Davis, son of Captain David Davis, was a farmer in Paxton, Massachusetts.

David Gates Davis, son of David (2) Davis, was born in Paxton, died in Worcester, aged ninety-one years. He engaged in farming and shoe manufacturing in his native town, and on retirement removed to Worcester to spend the rest of his days. His eldest son, Dr. William P. Davis, was an assistant surgeon in the United States Navy in the Civil War; he died in North Reading, Massachusetts. Other of his children follow: David G. Davis, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Dr. Elias G. Davis, of Seymour, Connecticut; Gilbert Gates Davis, of this memorial, see further; Eliza A., married John D. Hudson, of Mason City, Illinois. All, with the exception of Dr. Davis of Seymour, are deceased. William P. Hudson, a son of Eliza, is the able superintendent of The Davis Press, Incorporated.

Gilbert Gates Davis, son of David Gates Davis, was born in Paxton, January 27, 1859. After attending the public schools of his home town until he was twelve years of age, he removed with his parents to Worcester, where he completed his education with graduation from the Classical High School in the class of 1881. He then entered the employ of Putnam and Davis in their book store and served them as clerk for five years. His next move was to take into partnership George L. Sanford, forming the firm of Sanford and Davis, which acquired the rights and title of the old Franklin Printing Office, which had been established in 1856, and together they continued the business at 38 Front Street. Mr. Davis purchased his partner's interest in 1890 and thereafter carried on the enterprise in his own name until 1903, in which year the business was incorporated as The Davis Press, Incorporated, with Mr. Davis as the first president, and Alliston Greene corporation clerk. For eighteen years Mr. Davis remained the active head of the concern, enlarging its prestige and increasing its line of customers until it became known as one of the most progressive printing firms in New England.

The removal of The Davis Press, Incorporated, in 1913, to a newly-erected building at 25 Foster Street, was significant of the business' advance. It remained at that location until 1923, two years after Mr. Davis' death, when the business again moved, this time to the fine new Printers Building at 44 Portland Street, where it has since had its home, one of the best equipped and most completely manned plants in the trade. The present officers of the corporation are: President, Mrs. Minnie W. Davis; vice-president, Rae M. Spencer; clerk, Alliston Greene; treasurer and general manager, Warren Gilbert Davis (q. v.). The company has a national reputation for style, accuracy, and artistic merit. Affiliated with the United Typothetae of America, Gilbert Gates Davis was regarded as a strong and influential member of that body. He was a member also of the Worcester

Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Travelers Association, the Worcester County Mechanics Association, and the Worcester Agricultural Society. He was a highly placed Freemason, affiliating with Morning Star (Blue) Lodge; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. He was a member of the Commonwealth Club and the Worcester Country Club. In the First Baptist Church of Worcester he was an active member, served as superintendent of the Sunday school for fifteen years, and filled the office of treasurer for more than twenty years. For many years he was a member of the board of directors of the local Young Men's Christian Association.

Gilbert Gates Davis married, June 9, 1885, in Worcester, Sarah Minnie Warren, born in this city, the daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Flagg) Warren. Her father was born in Auburn, Massachusetts, October 31, 1816, died in Worcester September 25, 1895. He was a tanner and a manufacturer of card leather in Holden for fourteen years, and for thirty-five years was thus engaged in Worcester. He was a Republican and a Baptist. Her mother, born in Holden, April 7, 1818, died in Worcester, September 25, 1875. The family home for many years was at 11 Catherine Street. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Worcester Woman's Club. Her children are: 1. Warren Gilbert, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work. 2. Inez Flagg Davis, born July 20, 1890; graduated from the Classical High School in 1910 and from Wheaton Seminary in 1912.

WARREN G. DAVIS—Brought up under the influence of his father's interest in "good printing," Warren G. Davis entered the employ of The Davis Press upon his graduation from Yale. He is now treasurer and manager of the firm. He is a veteran of the World War, having served overseas attached to the General Staff.

Warren Gilbert Davis was born in Worcester, December 19, 1887, a son of Gilbert Gates and Sarah Minnie (Warren) Davis; the former, deceased in 1921, was the founder of The Davis Press, which occupies an important position in the field of advertising-printing and publishing. He was educated in the public schools of Worcester, graduated from Worcester Academy and from Yale University as Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1910.

The Davis Press, Incorporated, is a direct lineal descendant of the old Franklin Printing Office, which was founded in 1856. In 1886, Mr. Davis' father formed with George L. Sanford the firm of Sanford & Davis, which took over the business of the old Franklin Printing Office and was located at 38 Front Street. The general business of the firm was commercial printing and the printing of the large blank books which in those days were used in the bookkeeping departments of every business. Subsequently, the elder Davis purchased the Sanford interest and conducted the business under his own name. In 1903, the business received its charter of incorporation and became known as The Davis Press, Incorporated, with Gilbert G. Davis as its first president, an office which he held until his death eighteen years later.

In 1913, The Davis Press became interested with other firms in the allied printing trades in the erection of the Graphic Arts Building at 25 Foster Street, where it remained until 1923, in which year the offices and plant moved to the new Printers Building at 44 Portland Street, the corporation's present home. The firm was likewise interested in the erection of this building which is particularly adapted because of its rugged construction and the broad window areas for the production of fine printing.

The name of The Davis Press has come to be a synonym for excellent craftsmanship and for progressiveness in its field. The company specializes in creative and direct mail advertising-printing and also publishes The School Arts Magazine, which is a recognized authority for teachers of drawing and handicraft and is circulated widely among the schools of this country and abroad. The firm has its editorial office in Palo Alto, California, where Pedro J. Lemos, director of the Museum of Fine Arts of Stanford University, is its editor. In connection with the magazine a goodly number of portfolios and books are also published. The executive officers of The Davis Press, Incorporated, are: President, Mrs. Minnie W. Davis, widow of the founder; vice-president, Rae M. Spencer; clerk, Alliston Greene; treasurer and manager, Warren G. Davis, of this review; superintendent, William P. Hudson.

Mr. Davis was married, June 25, 1919, to Miss Anna Sears, of Framingham, Massachusetts, They have two sons, Ronald Sears, born February 7, 1921, and Gilbert Sears, born July 27, 1924. Their home is at No. 11 Otsego Road, Worcester. During the World War Mr. Davis enlisted as a private in the Quartermaster's Corps. He remained in the army for twenty-three months and became a second lieutenant in the office of the Chief of Finance of the General Staff, stationed in Paris. Fraternally he is a Mason with membership in Morning Star Lodge, and both he and his wife are affiliated with the First Unitarian Church. He is a director of the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association and a trustee of the Worcester County Institution for Savings. He is a member of the Worcester Club, the Worcester Country Club and the Tatnuck Country Club.

ARTHUR H. SAGENDORPH—On a hilltop farm five miles from Spencer town, one of America's most progressive farmers has successfully demonstrated the value and efficiency of motorized machinery for the operation of his one thousand acres. In fact, Arthur H. Sagendorph, the owner, who has brought this large agricultural area together from several run-down farms, will say that his is a tractor-made farm. Although "Alta Crest"—this is the euphonious name of the Sagendorph enterprise—is virtually a horseless paradise, if the paradox may be used, it is by no means a cowless one. His banner herd of Ayrshires is known from coast to coast for purity of strain, milk-producing properties and general excellence. As a business proposition, "Alta Crest" returns a profit to the owner, and by its gratifying response to his progressive spirit and expert management has taken its place high up in the list of farms in the East. And Mr. Sagendorph has won the reputation of being "the best farmer in Massachusetts."

Arthur H. Fagan Chief

Born in Spencer, August 16, 1879, Arthur H. Sagendorph is of Holland-Dutch extraction on his father's side and on his mother's side is of English derivation. After graduating from high school in his native town, he attended the College of Agriculture at Cornell University and took a special course with a view to doing something along the very line that has claimed his undivided attention and energy since he came into possession of "Alta Crest." While his father was a manufacturer, he also had a farm, and on this farm the boy, Arthur H., always kept a few animals and more poultry and took them around for exhibition at fairs. So it was natural for him from his youth to want to be a farmer in his own right.

He was in his second year at Cornell—and at home on vacation—when he learned of a mortgage sale of a one hundred and sixty-acre farm on a hilltop less than two leagues from Spencer. He attended the sale, bought the farm, paying $2,200 for the land and its old buildings. After working it that summer of 1902, he decided to leave college and apply his theory to practice. He tore down the old house and remodeled the barn. The same summer he purchased three adjoining farms containing four hundred and twenty acres. Their buildings had been razed by fire long before; the land had not been cultivated in a score of years. In every meaning of the term, they were abandoned farms.

Then he went to work, made some mistakes and profited by them. There were rocks in the fields, stone fences in generous array and disarray, stone fences around even the woodlots. That first summer in the midst of this unpromising scene he managed to cut about thirty tons of hay and grew enough corn to fill a small silo. He had bought a few grade cows; these were not Ayrshires—the foundation of his present herd had not then arrived. The first winter he built a cow stable, forty by seventy-two feet. The following spring he added a few pure-bred cattle to the herd. At the same time he and his men began removing the boulders from the fields and taking down the stone fences, using dynamite, stump-pullers and stone drags. The stone was made to fill dumps on slopes, filling in the cellar of the old barn, and in making foundations for new buildings. Later on he got a stone-crusher, operated with a tractor or gasoline engine, and put it to eating up the stone fences. The crushed stone was fed to a concrete mixer and this product went into material for roads, walks and other concrete work on the farm. When he first began operations, it was hardly possible to plow a furrow one hundred feet long without hitting a boulder. Now his men and machinery can plow a straight furrow two miles in length. Fences have been built only along the roads, none between the fields. Gradually the whole farm has been fenced in with woven wire. He put in herds of goat and sheep, which were found to be excellent for eating up all the underbrush, keeping fence rows clean, and saving much scythe labor. There was profit, too, from the milk of the goats and from the wool and mutton of the sheep. Then he brought in a 19,000-pound tractor, and began driving it over the small trees and underbrush, the eight-foot wheels crushing all beneath them like an army tank, considering even a sapling as big as a man's leg an insignificant obstacle. He hitched an 1800-pound grub-breaker plow to the tractor which makes a furrow two feet wide and eighteen inches deep. It rooted out half-ton boulders, throwing them to the surface. Stones and loose roots were removed, the ground carefully harrowed and planted and fertilized, the fifty acres in this operation being reclaimed at a saving of $100 an acre by the tractor method over the old horse-power method, making a total saving of $5,000. Thus the good work went on until all the cultivable fields were brought into tillable use. More and more was machinery installed to do practically all the work on the farm. Grain drills, harrows, mowing machine, rakes, hay-loaders, hay slings and hoist, grain binder, all are operated by gasoline engines, either in tractor or in individual units of the stationary type. The expense as compared with horse power is reduced to a minimum. A portable tool-house or wagon, fully equipped, follows behind tractor or wagon to any part of the farm where needed. There is also a repair shop, with forge and other fittings. A three-ton motor truck is used for heavy hauling. There are now only two teams of horses on the entire farm of one thousand acres. A three-quarter-ton motor truck is used to carry milk products from the farm to Worcester.

Mr. Sagendorph has built up a herd of three hundred head of pure-bred Ayrshire cattle, on the foundation imported from Scotland. Specimens of his herd have been exhibited at eleven consecutive meetings of the National Dairy Show. During this period the "Alta Crest" herd has been awarded more than twice as many championship ribbons as any other exhibit of cattle. He is a member of the Ayrshire Cattle Breeders Association, which he served as president two years and as chairman of its executive committee five years. In addition, he has served on the board of trustees of the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield a number of years. His cows are milked with electric motor machines, and a complete modern dairy is maintained. All these products are certified, and they find a ready and constant sale in the city of Worcester, the name "Alta Crest" alone being a synonym for all that is best and desirable in the dairy line.

The labor problem for Mr. Sagendorph does not exist. He employs twenty men the year round, half of them married men. All live in bungalows or houses on the place. Most of the men have been employed here for a number of years. Instead of bunks or attic chambers, the single men have a neat bungalow to themselves. There is a living room twenty by thirty feet, with individual bedrooms opening from it, and each man has a key to his own room. This style of bungalow has been copied by the State Agricultural College at Amherst. The men are given good board and fair pay. The herdsman and his helper start work at 5 A. M. and usually are through at 5:30 P. M. They do no work outside the barn. The outside men start at 7 A. M., have an hour at noon, quit at 6 P. M., and have no chores or further work. Should a vacancy occur in the force, there is never a dearth of applicants. It seems much easier to get labor for a horseless farm than for any other.

The entire "Alta Crest" enterprise is managed and financed like a well-organized business. Complete records are kept of all transactions, incoming and outgoing; inventory is taken the first of every year, when depreciation of buildings and equip-

ment is taken into account. A card-index system is in constant operation, and clippings from agricultural papers are filed under proper headings. Students come from agricultural colleges in different parts of New England to receive a cordial welcome from the owner of "Alta Crest Farm" and to learn something of high-class modern methods in practical operation. In conclusion let Mr. Sagendorph speak for himself: "Machinery is the big answer to the food production crisis in this country. Everything should be done to facilitate its use and distribution. Farming has now become a business proposition. It opens up a wonderful field for men of real ability."

Arthur H. Sagendorph married, November 12, 1902, Martha Page, of Spencer, and their children are: Richard, Gretchen and Janet. The family lives in Spencer, in one of the most beautiful homes of the town and countryside.

ROSS B. GORDON—Few men are rated higher in the insurance circles of Massachusetts than Ross B. Gordon, of Worcester, Massachusetts, vice-president of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, of Massachusetts. He is one of the many men which Canada has contributed to the business life of the United States, being a native of Brampton, Ontario, Canada, born August 20, 1885. His father, John D. Gordon, was born in Nova Scotia, and was for the most of his life engaged in the insurance business in the Province of Ontario. The senior Mr. Gordon died in 1918; he married Mary J. Kaiser, a native of Ontario.

Ross B. Gordon was educated in the Brampton and other Canadian schools, and started in business while still in his teens. He became a clerk with the Home Life Association at Toronto, Canada, and there laid the foundations of his career. In 1907 he came to Worcester, Massachusetts, to become associated with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, as a clerk in the Actuarial Department. A history of this important insurance company is printed in another section of this work. Mr. Gordon has run the gamut of life assurance in his experience with the State Mutual Life. In 1920 he transferred to the Underwriting Department and in 1923 was chosen assistant supervisor of applications. After serving in this capacity for two years he was elected supervisor of applications. In 1930 he was elevated to vice-presidency. In few large corporations is advancement so based on ability as in the insurance business, and Ross B. Gordon's success speaks for itself, based on the evidence of promotion.

Mr. Gordon's devotion has been to his business and his activities are largely confined to things connected with commerce and finance. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Kiwanis Club, and the Worcester Economic Club. For many years he has been a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, of Worcester, a vestryman and a worker in religious activities. Civic affairs, however, have come in for some of his help, and he is usually ready to assist welfare and philanthropic movements.

On October 15, 1919, Ross B. Gordon married Ruth I. Macomber, a native of Massachusetts.

HARRY C. MIDGLEY—For the part he has played in the banking and civic enterprises of Worcester, Massachusetts, of which place he has been a lifelong resident, Harry C. Midgley is ranked among the leading citizens. He is a native of Worcester, born November 16, 1886, son of John and Lillian M. (Tibbetts) Midgley, members of old Massachusetts families. His father died in 1912, and his mother in 1926. He received the usual education of the public schools before attending and becoming a graduate of a local business college. On January 26, 1902, Mr. Midgley started as a clerk with the Peoples Savings Bank of Worcester, served in all the departments of the bank, and in 1931 was elected treasurer to succeed Frederick W. White, a position he has held since that time.

Mr. Midgley has confined his labors entirely to the institution with which he has been connected for a quarter of a century. He is, however, a director on the Morris Plan Bank of Worcester. Mr. Midgley is a familiar and popular figure in Masonry, being a member and a Past Master of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; also Past District Deputy, and a member of the Knights Templar. Recreation he enjoys as a member of the Worcester Country Club, and he is active as a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He is a communicant and the treasurer of All Saints Episcopal Church of the city.

In 1911, Harry C. Midgley married Marion M. Bertels, of Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: Helen, born April 15, 1913; and Harry C., Jr., born September 1, 1918.

STEPHEN IRELAND—As vice-president of one of the leading life insurance companies of Massachusetts, Stephen Ireland is well known to the business men and financiers of the State. He is one of those fortunate men who in early manhood find the work which best suits their abilities and ambitions and cleaves to it throughout their mature career. Singleness of purpose and activity in the commercial world has in no wise lessened his interest in all phases of life. Mr. Ireland is prominent in civic affairs, in club and fraternal circles, in sports and welfare movements. He was born November 5, 1883, at Somerville, Massachusetts, son of Rev. R. W. and Adeline (Perkins) Ireland, of Watertown. His father was a prominent Baptist clergyman, a veteran of the Civil War, who enlisted as a private in the 5th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment and rose to the rank of captain. He was wounded and sent north disabled. The Rev. Mr. Ireland died in 1893; Mrs. Ireland lived until 1914.

Stephen Ireland, after completing his studies in the public schools, entered business college, from which he was graduated. Before he had reached his majority, he became associated with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts. This was in 1903, and since that time Mr. Ireland has been connected in various capacities with this important organization. At first he was employed in the Boston office of the company, but in 1908 he came to Worcester to serve in the auditing department. In 1916 he was made supervisor of agents, and in 1918 was chosen superintendent of agencies. Early in 1929, he was elected vice-president and a director of the company, a highly important executive position for which his abilities and experience amply fit him. A history of the State Mutual Life Assurance

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Company may be found in another chapter of this work.

Except for financial interests in several corporations, Mr. Ireland's one official connection with other commercial concerns is that of a trustee of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank. He is something of an author, having contributed many interesting and instructive articles to magazines and other publications, mostly upon the subject of insurance. During the World War, or that period when the United States was engaged, Mr. Ireland was prominent upon some of the boards and committees which were formed at that time, and was one of the leaders in the various drives for loans and for contributions to the charitable organizations made necessary by the needs of that time. He is a member, and one of the board of directors of the local Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Rotary Club of Worcester. Among his professional connections is membership in the Life Underwriters Association of Massachusetts. He is also a member of the Worcester Players Club, and the Worcester Club, and finds recreation as a member, vice-president, and one of the Board of Governors of the Worcester Country Club. His church is the Old South, of Worcester. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1908, Stephen Ireland married Gertrude L. Lord, of Woburn, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of a son, Russell Dana Ireland, born January 6, 1912, a student at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

BURT W. GREENWOOD—Worcester seems to have the happy power of keeping its native sons. Burt W. Greenwood, banker and leading citizen, was born in this city March 18, 1881, son of Charles and Ella Elizabeth (Grimes) Greenwood, both of Hubbardston, Massachusetts. The first mentioned died in 1930; Mrs. Greenwood in 1922. The Greenwood name and family is a very old one in New England, progenitors of the American branch settling about Boston in the 1660's. All were lovers of the land and it is worthy of note that the senior Mr. Greenwood was largely interested in market gardening, and his son is a member of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, its treasurer and one of its board of trustees. He is a past master of the Worcester Grange, and his hobby is growing things.

Burt W. Greenwood, after receiving the preliminaries of his education in the public schools of Worcester, entered Harvard College, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. School days over, he returned to Worcester and became connected with the banking business in a minor capacity. The summer of his graduation from Harvard was marked by his securing his first job with the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, in the note department. In the course of the last quarter century, he has officiated in quite a variety of departments and positions, and is now treasurer of the institution. He is also the vice-president and treasurer of the Worcester Safe Deposit Vaults, Inc., and a member of the board of trustees of the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank.

One whose business duties were so numerous and important seldom has much time to devote to fraternal, social and similar activities. Fraternally Mr. Greenwood is a Past Master of Montacute Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the York and Scottish Rite bodies of the order; and a Past District Deputy of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. Among his clubs are the Appallachian Mountain Club, the Worcester Economic Club, and the Harvard Club of Worcester. His church is the Union Congregational.

In 1914, Burt W. Greenwood married Myra E. Stowell, member of an old Massachusetts family. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood are the parents of a daughter and a son: Janet Elizabeth, born June 21, 1918; and Charles Stowell, born February 14, 1920.

DWIGHT S. PIERCE—For more than thirty years Dwight S. Pierce has been identified with the financial structure of his native city of Worcester. Starting in the humble position of messenger at the Central National Bank in 1901, two years later saw him transfer his allegiance to the Worcester County Institution for Savings, with which he has since been affiliated. After occupying several intermediary positions, he was elected treasurer in 1920 as the successor of Albert L. Stratton and has since filled the office to the gratification of the board, his official colleagues, the depositors and the staff personnel.

Mr. Pierce was born in Worcester, April 26, 1885, a son of Harlan B. and Marion E. (Pratt) Pierce, the former deceased in 1918. After passing through the public schools he started on his career in the banking field. In addition to being treasurer of the Worcester County Institution for Savings, he is a director of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company and Worcester County National Bank. He is a past president of the Savings Banks Officers Club of Massachusetts, is well and favorably known in banking circles of the State, and enjoys high standing in the confidence of the business men of Worcester. In the civic affairs of the city and county he is prominently active; a director of the Chamber of Commerce of Worcester, treasurer of the Worcester Historical Society, treasurer of the Worcester Boy Scouts Council, and affiliates with the Free and Accepted Masons, Massachusetts Consistory of the Scottish Rite (thirty-second degree) and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. During the World War he served on various boards connected with government and relief work. He is a member of the Boston City Club, the Worcester Club, Worcester Country Club, and Tatnuck Country Club. He is a member of the official board and the board of trustees of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church in this city.

Mr. Pierce married, in 1907, Marcia V. Tillson, and they have a son, D. Lindsay Pierce, born July 14, 1912. The Pierce family home is 20 Franconia Street, Worcester.

REV. WILLIAM J. LUCEY, pastor of St. James' Church, of Fisherville, has richly contribuated to the advancement of the Christian cause and the Catholic faith and has at the same time done much for the people of this community. He is highly regarded and loved by all who know him

or whose privilege it has been to work with him in church or civic affairs. He has served in different Massachusetts communities, and so is well acquainted with the State and its affairs.

The Church of St. James, at Fisherville, was built in 1883, when Father James Boyle began construction work on land donated by the Fisher Manufacturing Company. The church was finished and dedicated under the patronage of St. James, on New Year's Day, 1884. In 1887, a separate parish of Fisherville was created, with Upton as a mission. The first resident pastor at Fisherville was the Rev. Michael J. Carroll. Shortly after he arrived in the town, the Fisher Manufacturing Company made him a gift of land adjoining the church for his own house. This edifice was built the following winter. Father Carroll soon caused a beautiful church organ to be installed at a cost of $1,700. The church itself is a frame structure with brick underpinning and is built in the Gothic style of architecture. Its original altar was formerly the altar of the Chapel of Holy Cross College. For two years Father Carroll continued as pastor. The second pastor was Father Fitzgerald, who remained for three years, and the third was Father Dwyer, who held the Fisherville charge for twenty years. Then on July 15, 1928, Father Lucey, the present pastor, took over the parish. In its first ten years of life it had a record of three hundred and sixty-one baptisms and ninety-nine marriages.

Father Lucey was born at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, August 21, 1877, and received his early public and high school training in the place of his birth. He then entered St. Hyacinthe Seminary, at St. Hyacinthe, Province of Quebec, Canada. After his college course he was sent by the Rt. Rev. Bishop for a five-year course in France, two years of philosophy at Issy, near Paris, and three years of theology in Paris. He then returned to Montreal, where he was ordained in the Cathedral in 1904. Immediately thereafter he was assigned to a church at Ware, Massachusetts, where for nineteen years he was associated with the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, removing there until 1923. There he was an assistant to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Sheehan, under whom he fitted himself for more important church work. In 1923 he was assigned to Sheffield, Massachusetts, continuing there until July 15, 1928, when he was made a pastor and came to his present charge at Fisherville. His parish here contains about 1,600 souls, and all his parishioners hold him in high esteem. The parish is in a flourishing condition and is constantly growing. The church seats about six hundred and is a very neatly arranged and beautiful edifice, modernly equipped and supplied with all the properties that go to make an efficient and effective church. The rectory has ten rooms, and is likewise constructed with every modern convenience. There are the usual church societies—the Holy Rosary, the Children of Mary (both senior and junior branches), and the Knights of the Sacred Heart. The pastor of the parish takes a deep interest at all times in the work of these groups.

Father Lucey's assistant is the Rev. E. W. St. Martin, curate of St. James's Church. From their work the Fisherville community has greatly benefited, and so it is that they are well beloved by the people of this parish and the citizens of the whole region.

HAMILTON B. WOOD—Carrying forward the printing and publishing business established by his father half a century ago, Hamilton B. Wood, president and treasurer of the Commonwealth Press, has made one of the most enviable records in the trade in New England. Incidentally he has helped add to the prestige of this his native city as a commercial and cultural center. He is affiliated with numerous important organizations, among which are the Worcester Musical Association, of which he is president. This latter body is the one that sponsors the annual Worcester Music Festival, internationally known for the excellence of its performances and high reputation of its chorus and soloists.

Born in Worcester, May 28, 1889, Hamilton B. Wood is a son of Oliver B. and Jennie C. (Flagg) Wood, the former deceased in 1925, and the latter in 1928. Having received his early education under private tuition, he entered Williams College and graduated Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1910. Without delay he began learning the printing and publishing business under the oversight of his father, who had organized the Commonwealth Press in 1882. Meanwhile he accepted responsibilities as became a young citizen, among them service in the Massachusetts National Guard over a period of years. As he mastered the details of the business, he became more and more a factor in its management and development. Upon the death of his father, he came into complete control of the establishment, and has since been president and treasurer. Besides these offices in the Commonwealth Press, his business connections include the Worcester Lithograph Company, of which he is president; the Worcester County National Bank, of which he is a director; and the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank, of which he is a trustee. It is in the printing trade that he has, however, principally made his career, and is to be commended for the large success he has made of his own business.

He is enthusiastic over the affairs of the Worcester Musical Association, which has honored him with the presidency, and the considerable part he plays in making the Music Festival an annual successful event reflects his deep interest in this world-famous organization He gives no attention to practical politics. During the World War period he served on many boards and committees in aid of the government and in organized relief work. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, having advanced through the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. Other memberships held by him are in the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Worcester Agricultural Society, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester County Fish and Game Association, Worcester County Mechanics Association, Worcester County Williams College Alumni Association, Advertising Club of Worcester, Players Club of Worcester, Worcester Country Club, the Bohemians, Bancroft Automobile Club, Commonwealth Club, Commercial Travelers Association, Worcester Club, Quinsigamond Boat Club, Tatnuck Country Club, University Club of Worcester, and the Piedmont Congregational Church.

Hamilton B. Wood married, in 1912, Miss Helen O. Bradley, and they have children: 1. Elizabeth, a student at Smith College. 2. Osgood B. 3. Hamilton B., Jr. 4. Norman S. The three last-named children are attending school also. Mr.

Wood has his place of business at 44 Portland Street, and the family residence is 68 Beechmont Street, Worcester.

WILLIAM H. CUNNINGHAM—For thirty-five years and almost ever since his graduation from college, Mr. Cunningham has been identified with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company. It is rather characteristic of him that practically his entire career has been spent with one and the same company, for amongst his outstanding qualities loyalty has always been preëminent. It is equally characteristic of him that he should have been advanced from time to time to positions of ever increasing importance and responsibility, for Mr. Cunningham is a man of exceptional ability, deeply interested in his work and a recognized authority on life insurance.

William H. Cunningham was born at Worcester, March 17, 1873, a son of the late James and Emma R. (Williams) Cunningham. His father, who was for many years identified with the railroad industry, was a native of Needham, Massachusetts, and died in 1913. Mr. Cunningham's mother, born in New Orleans, Louisiana, died in 1897. Having received his early education in the public grammar and high schools of Worcester, Mr. Cunningham then attended the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1896. Very soon afterwards, in 1897, he became associated with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester, with which he is still connected. Until 1930 Mr. Cunningham occupied various positions of responsibility. Since then he has been statistician of the company, a position of great importance and responsibility, especially in view of the magnitude of the company's business. Mr. Cunningham is widely known in life insurance circles and ranks as one of the most expert life insurance statisticians. He is also secretary of the Worcester Historical Society and vice-president of the Worcester Council, Boy Scouts of America. At one time he served as chairman of the school board at Auburn, Worcester County, in which town he has long made his home. His clubs include the University Club of Worcester and the Cohasse Country Club, and he is also a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliations are with All Saints Church.

Mr. Cunningham married, in 1902, Blanche Jeffers, a daughter of John G. Jeffers and Mary E. Darling. The mother, a daughter of Lieutenant-Governor Darling of Rhode Island, was visiting her father when Mrs. Cunningham was born there. Her parents really were residents of Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, who make their home at Auburn, Worcester County, are the parents of one son, Hilton, who was born May 24, 1909.

ROBERT KENDALL SHAW—For almost three decades Mr. Shaw has been connected with the Free Public Library of his native city, Worcester, and during the greater part of this long period he has been its very able librarian. Under his expert direction this library not only has greatly extended its usefulness to and influence in the community, but has become one of the outstanding institutions of its type in this country. Mr. Shaw is considered one of the leading authorities on library management and in the position held by him for so many years and filled by him with such great distinction he has rendered services of lasting value to the cause of education and to the welfare of the people of Worcester and, indeed, of the entire State of Massachusetts.

Robert Kendall Shaw was born at Worcester, July 18, 1871, a son of the late Joseph Alden and Eliza Antoinette (Thompson) Shaw. He received his early education in the public schools and then attended Harvard University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, in 1894. Later, during 1897-1899, he studied at the New York State Library School at Albany, New York, from which he received the degree of B. L. S. in 1901. Immediately after his graduation from Harvard University, Mr. Shaw became a teacher at the Highland Military Academy at Worcester, in which position he served during 1894-97. From 1898 until 1901 he was on the staff of the New York State Library at Albany, New York, and during 1901-04 on the staff of the Library of Congress. In 1904 he was appointed librarian of the Brockton Public Library at Brockton, Massachusetts, in which position he remained until 1905. In that year he became assistant librarian of the Worcester Free Public Library, serving in this position until 1909. At that time he was appointed librarian of the Worcester Free Public Library, in which position he is still serving. Mr. Shaw is the author of one book, "Samuel Swett Green," a biography of a famous American librarian, published in 1926. Mr. Shaw is a member of the American Library Association, the Massachusetts Library Club, the Bay Path Library Club, the American Antiquarian Society, and the Worcester Historical Society. He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, the Worcester Rotary Club, the Worcester Shakespeare Club, the Worcester Harvard Club, and the Bohemian Club. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, while his religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On September 20, 1902, Mr. Shaw married Bertha Mower Brown, a native of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw make their home at No. 38 Monadnock Road, Worcester, while Mr. Shaw's offices are located at No. 12 Elm Street, Worcester.

DANIEL HENRY RICE—A native of Barre, Massachusetts, Daniel Henry Rice has come to be a well-known and highly esteemed member of the professional coterie of Worcester. He is the assistant counsel of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company. Born at Barre, May 25, 1901, he is the son of Daniel H. and Jennie (Adams) Rice, his father being the former deputy sheriff of Worcester County at Barre, and a court officer at the Worcester County courthouse.

Daniel Henry Rice, after receiving the preliminaries of his education in the local grade and high schools, matriculated at the Law College of Boston University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He engaged for a time in the practice of law at Athol, but later became associated with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company at Worcester as assistant attor-

ney, and still later began his service of the corporation as assistant counsel, the position he now holds. Mr. Rice is a member of the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity, the University and the Economic clubs of Worcester. Fraternally he is affiliated with Athol Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Worcester. He is also a member of the First Parish of Barre and the Unitarian Church of Worcester.

On October 20, 1928, at Westfield, Mr. Rice married Helen Martha Rice, daughter of Frederick Allen and Mae (Kelsey) Rice.

CHARLES WESLEY SEARS—In the latter part of his life, before retiring from active pursuits, Charles W. Sears, late of Worcester, became a tree expert and did a large business along the lines of preservation and grafting. He was a member of an old New England family, whose descendants have played prominent parts in the history of this section.

Richard Sears, the immigrant ancestor of the Sears family in America, was born in 1590 and died in 1676, second child and eldest son of John and Marie L. (Van Egmond) Sayer (as the name was spelled then). Upon the death of his father he came into his inheritance, joined the last expedition from Leyden, Holland, and set sail for America. He landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts Bay Colony, May 8, 1630. He later was one of the earliest settlers of Yarmouth on Cape Cod, where his death occurred. His name is recorded in the books of Plymouth Colony as a taxpayer in 1632. He married, in 1632, Dorothy Thatcher, sister of Anthony Thatcher, of Plymouth. The line of descent is through their son, Paul, and Deborah Willard, his wife; their son, Captain John, and Priscilla Freeman, his wife; their son, Willard, and Larkannah Howes, his wife; their son, Reuben, and Abigail Vincent, his wife; their son, Philander, and Bethias Sears, his wife; to Charles Wesley, of whom further.

Charles Wesley Sears, son of Philander and Bethias (Sears) Sears, was born in Northville, Massachusetts, September 13, 1835. He received his education in the schools of Worcester and at Worcester Academy, training to fill the position of bookkeeper. He first was employed in Freeland's Clothing Store in Worcester and afterwards engaged in business in Buffalo, New York. On his return to Worcester he became bookkeeper for the Gates Lumber Company in 1867. Subsequently he was identified with the flour and grain business as a member of the firm of Sears and Whittemore. He went to Leavenworth, Kansas, and spent a year there as a representative of Mason and Hamlin in the sale of organs and music. On his return to Worcester he was associated with a music store in this city for a brief time. As he came down to the latter years of his active life, he studied tree surgery and, becoming proficient in this line, he served numerous clients, preserving and grafting trees in a highly expert manner. He retired from all business activity a number of years prior to his passing.

In political alliance he was Republican, but while a staunch member of his party, he could not be persuaded to accept public office. Nor did social life attract him; he preferred the charm of the home circle to all external allurements. He was a consistent church member, having his fellowship for many years with the old Park Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Worcester, where he was a member of the official board and served as its secretary for a considerable time. He later was an active member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church in Worcester.

Charles Wesley Sears married Sarah Caroline Wood, born March 11, 1845, daughter of a well-known violin maker and herself an accomplished musician. Their marriage took place March 13, 1867. Children: 1. Edna, born October 31, 1869, died young. 2. Florence Mable, born February 20, 1872, died July 12, 1924. She was a well-known violinist. She married, September 13, 1898, Louis E. Ware, whose death occurred on May 15, 1906.

The death of Charles Wesley Sears, which occurred on June 30, 1927, in his ninety-second year, removed one of the exemplary and esteemed citizens of Worcester County, whose loss was widely regretted by a large following of friends of the family.

WILLARD E. HEIN—A native of Massachusetts, Willard E. Hein, of Worcester, achieved a varied and interesting business career. Its course was by no means smooth, and it was interrupted by military service which took, in combined features, nearly two years of his life. As a member of the old 2d Regiment of the Massachusetts National Guard, he served along the Mexican Border; and during the World War with the 104th Infantry of the famous Yankee Division, he was for nineteen months abroad, being gassed at Chateau-Thierry, and wounded at Apremont. He had enlisted early in 1918, and was assigned to the medical department, from which he was honorably discharged the following year.

Mr. Hein was born at Springfield, son of Conrad and Clarissa R. (White) Hein, both of Connecticut ancestry. After a public school education he set out to make a livelihood, and one of his first jobs was with the United States Envelope Company, of Springfield, Massachusetts. After working in various positions he was moving along rapidly in the sales department when the United States became involved in the World War; as has been indicated he resigned his post and enlisted in the national forces. Upon his return to civilian life, he discovered, like many others, that his place with the corporation with which he had been associated had been filled, and that he was not anxious to continue in the same line of business. After working at various occupations, in 1922, he went with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester. At first he was an auditor in the audit department of the company, but later was transferred to the claims department, where he was made chief claim examiner in 1927. In 1932 he became assistant manager of claims and in May, 1933, was promoted to supervisor of claims in which important position he serves at the present writing. His advancement has been rapid with the State Mutual Life, and based entirely upon ability shown under difficult conditions.

Mr. Hein is also a member of the executive committee and vice-president of the Boston Life and Accident Claims Association, a member of the local post of the American Legion, and a member of the Economic Club. For some years he has been an

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adherent of the Christian Science Church. His interest in politics, sports and club and lodge life has been dominated by a devotion to business and to home. As a civic minded citizen he has contributed his quota to the projects which have made for the advancement of Worcester and the betterment of its people.

In 1925 Willard E. Hein married Pauline F. Sorenson, of Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Robert W., born July 16, 1927. 2. Richard C., born August 29, 1928.

JOHN EDGELL—For the greater part of his business career associated with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, of Worcester, of which he is the present policy registrar, John Edgell has had the interesting experience of seeing the modern development of that great corporation. He was born November 7, 1875, at Gardner, Massachusetts, the son of Charles N. and Helen B. (Bryant) Edgell, members of old Gardner families. The senior Mr. Edgell was also in the insurance business, and at one time a captain of a Gardner local state militia company, became a member of the American forces during the Civil War, and served during a part of that long conflict.

John Edgell, with an education the product of the Gardner public schools and Worcester Academy, went straight from school to work and very shortly became connected with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, an association which was never broken from 1897 to the present time. He has served in many official capacities, the most recent of which, and the present, is policy registrar, as the directing head of this important department. A capacity for concentrated and continuous hard work coupled with natural abilities have been the secret of his success.

Devotion to business has not left much of time or of desire to give to fraternal orders or club and social organizations. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Odd Fellows. Mr. Edgell is a Unitarian in his religious faith and for a number of years has been a member of that church. As a good citizen, he has given freely of his time and means to civic and humanitarian movements.

In 1900 John Edgell married Georgia L. Lamb, of Westminster, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Harry K., born July 14, 1901. 2. Marian A., born April 24, 1908.

SIMON G. FRIEDMAN—One of Worcester's prominent legal men, Simon G. Friedman has, from the outset of his career in this Massachusetts city, displayed a keen interest in civic affairs and in enterprises tending toward an improvement of conditions among his fellowmen. He has won the esteem and respect of all who know him.

Mr. Friedman was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on November 28, 1878, son of Isaac and Janet Friedman, both of whom were born in Russia and came to the United States after their marriage. The father came about three years before the mother, who later joined him; and they made their home in Providence. Both parents are now deceased. Simon G. Friedman, of whom this is chiefly a record, early attended the public schools of Worcester, whither his parents came when he was only nine months old. In 1900 he was graduated from the University Law School, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and in the same year was admitted to the bar and began his professional practice. In his legal work, he has been successful from the outset of his career, and his labors have been outstandingly useful to his fellow-citizens.

In different legal organizations he has, of course, figured prominently, being a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and the Massachusetts State Bar Association. Through these groups, he keeps in close touch with the newest developments in his profession, at the same time contributing to their members of his rich store of legal experience and knowledge. He is also active in fraternal affairs, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and a leader in its work in the Worcester Community. Into all the organizations with which he is connected, Mr. Friedman has regularly put his full measure of energy and enthusiasm, with the result that he is esteemed and respected as are few men, and is in a position to render outstanding service to Worcester and to his State.

Simon G. Friedman married, on September 4, 1915, Sarah Frances Joyce, of Worcester, Massachusetts.

HERBERT J. LUMBRA—For upward of sixteen years, Herbert J. Lumbra has been associated with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, of Worcester, having made the grade through several positions of increasing importance until he was appointed auditor of agents' accounts, which is the office he has since held. He is also an overseas veteran of the World War. Mr. Lumbra was born in Franklin County, Vermont, June 14, 1893, a son of Ephraim and Alma (Touchette) Lumbra, both parents natives of the Green Mountain State, the former living retired, and the latter deceased, 1926. The son Herbert received an excellent common and high school education, which he supplemented with a course in a business college. About the first of his business connections was with the Northern Provision Company, of Burlington, Vermont, where from a plain employee he was promoted to manager of the company's branch plant at Rutland, Vermont.

In 1916, he resigned his position in Rutland and came to Worcester, joining the home office staff of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company. He soon demonstrated his worth to his superiors, who saw to it that he was advanced on his merits whenever an opening occurred. When the time came to appoint a successor of Nelson P. Wood as auditor of agents' accounts, he was installed as the head of that department, and here his services have been eminently satisfactory to the company. His service in the war was rendered as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces in France. Warranted a sergeant of infantry, he held this rating at the time of his honorable discharge. He is a member of the American Legion, the Economic Club, and the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Lumbra married, in 1915, Corinne G. Nichols, and they have their residence at 133 Norton Avenue, Worcester, in which city they have many friends, Mr. Lumbra being also well and favorably known to numerous representatives of the insurance profession.

RAYMOND W. HAYES—The insurance profession has given one of its best known representatives in Worcester, Raymond W. Hayes, just the opportunity he craved, and as assistant secretary of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, he is helping carry forward the high tradition of this fine old institution. With this company having been identified all his business life, he has gone along the high way of promotion in good order. Among the so-called younger group of business executives in Worcester he ranks as a leader.

Mr. Hayes was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, August 26, 1895, a son of Noble O. and Nina (Buffum) Hayes, the former a native of Michigan, and the latter of Massachusetts. His education was received in the public schools, including a high school course, and at a business college. He was in his twentieth year when he accepted a position in the cashier's department of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, in 1914. So well did he fit in with the work of this department and perform his share in it, that it was an easy matter for the directors to make him the cashier when the necessity arose for filling the office. This high fiscal position he also filled with the ability and integrity for which he had become well known. When, therefore, the board was called upon to promote some member of the staff to assistant secretary of the company, the choice fell logically upon Mr. Hayes, and the office he has since held as a base for further promotion when the occasion shall arise. His colleagues in the insurance profession, in Worcester especially, generously hope that such a situation shall eventuate.

Entering service for the World War, Mr. Hayes was sent to Fort Slocum, New York, where he was on station until honorably discharged, holding the rating of sergeant. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and his fraternal affiliations include the American Legion, having served as finance director in his local post; the "Blue" Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is at the time of writing Worshipful Master; Worcester County Commandery and the Scottish Rite Consistory, in which he has proceeded through the thirty-second degree and into the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Economic Club, Worcester Tennis Club, Turkey Hill Polo Club and Exchange Club, of Worcester. In that city also he is a member of the Central Church.

Mr. Hayes married, in 1916, Margaret Davis, born in Massachusetts, the daughter of William and Mary E. (Norcross) Davis. The Hayes family residence is 47 Brownell Road, Worcester. There are three children: 1. Raymond, Jr., who was born May 27, 1918. 2. Donald N., born October 27, 1922. 3. Mary Elizabeth, born June 24, 1924.

BENJAMIN ELKIND—As president of the Metropolitan Cleaning and Dyeing Company, Benjamin Elkind is at the head of one of the largest establishments of its kind in the city of Worcester

Benjamin Elkind was born in Russia, July 24, 1894, son of Hyman Elkind, who spent his life in his native land. Hyman Elkind was an energetic man, who, as a mere lad of thirteen years, began a dyeing and cleaning business which he continued to the time of his death at the age of seventy-five years. The son, Benjamin, attended school in his native land and then learned the cleaning and dyeing business with his father. In 1912, when he was seventeen years old, he came to this country and located in Boston, where he secured work with a dyeing and cleaning establishment. He was skillful at his trade and took care to save as much of his earnings as possible. When he had sufficient capital in hand he began to look around for a good opportunity to purchase a business of his own. In 1918 he found the opportunity for which he was looking in the modest business, which Louis Epstein had been carrying on in a small way. He purchased the business and then set about the task of developing the small concern. By strict attention to the details of the business and by turning out only thoroughly satisfactory work, he gradually established a reputation which worked for him and brought him many new patrons. As the business grew, Mr. Elkind enlarged his plant and improved his equipment until now, after more than fifteen years of steady work, the Metropolitan Cleaning and Dyeing Company ranks as one of the largest and best in the city. When Mr. Elkind's company purchased the business, there were four employees and one Ford truck made the deliveries. Now the volume of business is such that seventy-five employees and twelve trucks are needed to take care of the work. The plant, too, has grown correspondingly and now includes three entire buildings. The main office, which is located on the ground floor of a two-story building, seventy-five by thirty feet, is equipped with all the latest approved appliances for conducting a large business and on the upper floor of this building are the general offices and the shipping room. A three-story building, sixty-two by thirty-two, houses the dyeing plant, pressing room and garage, and a third building, sixty-five by twenty, contains the cleaning rooms. In each of these three buildings the latest machinery has been installed, and every convenience which can aid in turning out thoroughly satisfactory work has been included. When Mr. Elkind purchased the business, its patronage was drawn from the city of Worcester only, but now the patrons of the Metropolitan Cleaning and Dyeing Company come not only from Worcester, but from the entire territory included within a radius of twenty miles surrounding the city. Superior work and excellence of service have brought a substantial reward, and the reputation which the Metropolitan Cleaning and Dyeing has won continually brings to it new patrons. Mr. Elkind is a member of the National Dyers and Cleaners Association, in the work of which he takes an active part.

Benjamin Elkind married, in May, 1917, Hannah Grossman, and they have four children: Bernice, Milton, Harriet and Marylin, twins.

ALBERT T. WALL is one of the most interesting and outstanding of the younger professional group of Worcester. He is a native of Westeras, Sweden, born September 2, 1881, the son of Nicholas and Wilhelmina Wall, both of whom died and are buried in Sweden. Albert T. Wall was educated in his native land, and came to the United States in 1902 and located in Worcester. He was just of age, and faced the difficulties of making his way in a land of whose language he knew little, and whose customs he did not understand. He found employment in the machine shops of the city, and

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when he showed his ability as a linguist, was appointed to the police force and served in this department from 1910 to 1917.

Mr. Wall was, and is, a student, and while engaged in necessary work, also prepared himself for a professional career. He took courses in the Huntington Preparatory School, Boston, and entered the Northeastern Law School, to be graduated in 1918 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar of Worcester County, that same year, and since that time has practiced law in Worcester. In 1917, Mr. Wall was elected a member of the Massachusetts State Legislature, and served during the sessions of 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921. He was a member of the Insurance and Legal Affairs committees, and during his third year was chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee; and was chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Law for two years. In 1929 he was appointed special justice of the Central District Court of Worcester.

Mr. Wall is a member of the Worcester County and Massachusetts State Bar associations. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all the bodies of Masonry up to, and including the thirty-second degree, and is affiliated with Aleppo Temple, Boston, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His church is the First Lutheran of Worcester.

On January 27, 1906, Mr. Wall married Marie Swenson, a native of Sweden, and they are the parents of three daughters: 1. Elvira M., born April 17, 1908. 2. Linnea Mabel, born December 20, 1909. 3. Doris Ann, born August 1, 1914.

ALBERT E. MAYKEL—A member of the professional coterie which has helped to make Worcester one of the outstanding cities of New England, Albert E. Maykel, a native son of the city, is one of its younger and successful attorneys. He was born March 30, 1906, the son of Mitchell K. and Josephine (Massabni) Maykel, the former of whom has for two decades been one of the foremost automobile distributors in Worcester County. Both parents were born in Syria, and came to this country in the last ten years of the last century. Mrs. Maykel was a graduate of the American College at Beirut, Syria, and the grandparents of the subject of this review were Kalel and Annie (Smart) Maykel, the former of whom were engaged in the mercantile business in Worcester.

Albert E. Maykel received his preliminary education in the Grafton Street School, Worcester, and was graduated from the High School of Commerce, of this same city in 1925. In September, 1925, he matriculated at Suffolk Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated four years later with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in June, 1929. Mr. Maykel passed his bar examinations in December, 1929, and was admitted to the bar of Worcester County, and since that time has been engaged in a general practice of his profession. In June, 1931, he was admitted to practice in the United States District Court. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association.

Interested in politics even before he was of age, to cast his first vote, Mr. Maykel has risen to prominence in the affairs of his people and of the local Republican party. He is vice-president of the Worcester Republican Council, and active in the city campaigns. He was president of the Syrian-American Association during 1932-33, and is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of St. George. He is now associated with Attorney Albert T. Wall, associate justice of the Central District Court at Worcester.

CARLO P. BENAGLIA, M. D.—His native city, Worcester, has been the scene of Dr. Benaglia's successful professional activities as a physician for the last decade and ever since the conclusion of his medical training. From the very beginning of his professional career he has shown unusual ability and as a result he quickly built up a large and important practice. He is also active in hospital work and is a very popular member of several medical, fraternal and social organizations. Through his various activities he has made for himself a position of influence in the community and this influence is the greater for his deep interest in everything which affects the welfare of the city, its people and its institutions.

Carlo P. Benaglia was born in Worcester, July 13, 1896, a son of Carlo and Camella (Carabbio) Benaglia. His father was a native of Italy, his mother of Boston. The former came to the United States in his youth and settled in Worcester, where he started a bakery. He continued to operate this establishment very successfully until his death, which occurred in December, 1895, thus making his son a posthumous child. Dr. Benaglia's maternal grandfather, Joseph Carabbio, left his native country, Italy, likewise in his youth, together with his brother, Stephen. Though the two brothers originally intended to emigrate to South America, they changed their plans after leaving Italy and came to the United States, landing at Boston. The two brothers served with the Union Army during the Civil War, Stephen Carabbio being with General Sherman's Army. Both served until the close of the war. Dr. Benaglia received his early education in the public schools of Worcester and then took up the study of medicine at Tufts College, from the medical department of which institution he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1923. Soon afterwards he established himself in the practice of medicine in Worcester, where he has continued to practice with steadily mounting success since then. His offices are located at No. 80 Shrewsbury Street, Worcester. His practice, which is of a general nature, has reached very large proportions and makes heavy demands on his time and energy, which he always meets with characteristic promptness, efficiency and faithfulness. In spite of his large private practice he finds it possible to serve very effectively as a physician on the staff of the Memorial Hospital's Dispensary and as physician to the Louis Pasteur Hospital. He is also an active member of the Worcester County District Medical Society. Ever since his college days he has been a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa Fraternity, a medical fraternity. Other organizations, in which Dr. Benaglia maintains active membership, include the following: Knights of Columbus; Sons of Italy; Ancient Order of United Workmen; Royal Arcanum; and Wachusett Country Club. His favorite form of recreation is golf, in which he finds relaxation from the exacting duties of his profession.

Dr. Benaglia's residence is located at No. 10 Carver Street, Worcester.

CARL HUNT JOHNSON—During the greater part of his mature career a public official, Carl Hunt Johnson is one of the civic leaders of Worcester and a well-known figure in political and fraternal circles. He is a native of the city, born February 29, 1892, a son of the Rev. Fred D. and Mary A. (Hunt) Johnson, the former of whom is now retired from the ministry and makes his home in New Hampshire.

Carl Hunt Johnson was educated in the grade and high schools of Worcester, and comparatively early in life set out to make his own livelihood. For a time he was connected with the local Young Men's Christian Association; was in the insurance business for several years, and had experience along a few other lines of occupation. In 1918 he was made the assistant city clerk, a post which he held until January, 1927, when he became clerk of the city council committees and license board, and has remained here since that time. He has the reputation of being a conscientious and efficient public official.

Mr. Johnson has the gifts which make for personal popularity and for making and holding the friendship and confidence of people. Fraternally, he is a member of the Montacute Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a Past Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 43; Past Chief Patriot, Wachusett Encampment, No. 10; and a member of the Worcester Canton, No. 3; and Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 18. During the time when the United States was engaged in the World War, he was at Camp Devens until the Armistice was the occasion for relieving men from the army service. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Worcester Post, American Legion; Worcester Grange, No. 22; the Eighth Ward and Second Ward Republican clubs, and of the Worcester County Republican Club.

On September 30, 1920, Mr. Johnson married Ruth Comins Sprague, of Leicester, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Miriam, born September 7, 1921. 2. Sanford Carlton, born September 29, 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hunt Johnson reside at No. 17 Arbutus Road, Worcester.

THOMAS F. FOLEY—The enforcement of the law in Worcester is in the able hands of Thomas F. Foley, the popular and efficient Chief of Police. He is a native of Worcester, born December 27, 1879, and during the whole of his career has been identified with the life and affairs of the city. He was educated in its schools, being a graduate of Old English High, 1897. He is the son of John J. and Mary A. (Carroll) Foley, both former natives of Ireland who came to America as small children and settled with their parents in Worcester. His father was for many years an employee of the Worcester Gas Light Company, and died in 1909. His mother is still a resident of Worcester.

Thomas F. Foley, as a lad, went to work for the Steinberg Company, of Worcester, interior decorators, and remained thus occupied for nine years. In 1907 he joined the city police force as a patrolman, and worked his way up through the different departments until June 4, 1928, when he was appointed, in competitive examination, Chief of the Police Department. Chief Foley has made a remarkably successful executive and administrator. At the time of writing he has under him a force of four hundred and seventeen persons. He has made many advantageous changes in the personnel and methods of police management, has enforced the laws of the city in a manner both just and strong, and has the satisfaction of being honored and esteemed for the conduct of his exacting office. He is a member of the International Chiefs of Police Association, of the New England Chiefs of Police Association, and other similar organizations, and of the Worcester Police Relief Association.

Chief Foley has always taken a deep and informed interest in the civic and patriotic movements of the municipality, and had contributed greatly to the advancement of the welfare of the city. He has a notable war record. In 1898, he became a member of the Massachusetts National Guard, and is now a brigadier-general of the Massachusetts Guards Reserve. He enlisted in the United States Army, March 25, 1917, for service in the American forces during the period when this country participated in the World War. He ranked as captain, commanding Company G, 101st Infantry, 26th Division, and went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces. He was in action upon various battlefronts in France, was twice wounded in the campaign of the Aisne-Marne, July 23, 1918, and the Meuse-Argonne, October 25, 1918. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, and received the Legion of Honor decoration and the Croix de Guerre, France, and the Purple Heart. Mr. Foley was honorably discharged March 28, 1919, holding the rank of major.

Chief Foley is a member of the Legion of Honour, France, and the Legion of Honor, United States of America, Military Order of World War, Army and Navy Club, Yankee Division Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled Veterans of the World War. In his fraternal affiliations he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus. His clubs are the Rotary and Lions.

Thomas F. Foley married, December 27, 1910, Mary E. O'Donnell, of Worcester, and they are the parents of six children: 1. John J., born August 18, 1912, a student at Dartmouth College. 2. Thomas F., Jr., born March 7, 1913; student at Dartmouth College. 3. Robert E., born March 7, 1915. 4. Kathleen A., born May 14, 1921. 5. Paul E., born September 20, 1923. 6. Vincent D., born April 7, 1925.

DR. ERWIN C. MILLER—After completing a thorough training, to which he had added three years of hospital experience, Dr. Erwin C. Miller began private practice in Worcester in 1928.

Henry A. Miller, father of Dr. Miller, was a prominent citizen of Malone, New York, where he was engaged in the leather manufacturing business to the time of his retirement. He was a Civil War veteran, member of the 142d New York Volunteers, with which unit he served for three and a half years, enlisting as a private and by gallantry in action winning promotion to the rank of sergeant, lieutenant, and finally captain. He took part in many of the most stubbornly fought battles of the war, including Antietam, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, and Harpers Ferry. He served for some time on General Sherman's staff and at the close of the war was honorably discharged with the rank of captain. His later years were spent in Malone, New York, where he died in 1928, at the

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age of eighty-five years. He married Mary A. Porley, a native of Malone, and they became the parents of two sons: 1. Harry A., who was graduated from Harvard College and then went to Mexico, where he attended a mining school and has since been engaged in the oil fields in various parts of the country. 2. Erwin C., of further mention.

Dr. Erwin C. Miller was born in Malone, New York, September 6, 1897. He received his early education in the local public schools and then entered Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1920 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He chose the medical profession as his life work, but while taking his professional training financed his course by three years of teaching, first taking classes in anatomy and histology and later teaching embryology and histology. After one year of experience in the hospital at Danvers, Massachusetts, he was made head house officer at the Massachusetts General Hospital, where he remained for two years. As this is the largest hospital in the State, containing fourteen hundred beds and served by a staff which, including its visiting and consulting members, numbers from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty physicians, Dr. Miller, during his two years as head officer, was brought in contact with a wide range of diseases and gained most valuable experience, often being called in consultation. In 1927 he came to the Memorial Hospital of Worcester as resident physician, and the following year, 1928, he opened an office for private practice at No. 27 Elm Street, where he is still located. Since that time he has built up a large and important practice and has made for himself a prominent place among his professional associates. In addition to the care of his many patients, Dr. Miller has written on numerous medical subjects and has delivered more than fifty lectures. He is also consulting physician and a member of the staff of Memorial Hospital and a member of the staff of Hahnemann, Fairlawn, Worcester State, Grafton State, and Houghton Memorial hospitals. He holds membership in the various professional associations, including Worcester District Medical Society, of which he has been secretary for four years, and Massachusetts Medical Society. He is also a member of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is a past member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and is still a member of the Medical Society of Boston. He is a member of several college fraternities and he is also a member of Dartmouth Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Royal Arch Masons; and Royal and Select Masters. He is a member of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution and of the Loyal Legion. Dr. Miller is an able physician who stands high in his profession and he has a host of friends in Worcester, both among his professional associates and among those who know him as family physician, strong friend, and loyal citizen. Dr. Miller is looked upon as one who will go far in his profession, as one whose past achievements are but the beginning of a career of more than ordinary promise.

FRED SANDSTROM—Associated throughout practically the whole of his career with the foundry business, Fred Sandstrom is one of that group of business men who have come from another country to the United States and here have been successful in their enterprises. A native of Sweden, he came to this side of the Atlantic as a young man, and has spent most of his life in New England, where he is widely known for his work in the manufacture of brass, aluminum and copper castings in Worcester.

Mr. Sandstrom was born on October 30, 1882, in Sweden, son of Gustave and Sarah Christina (Sandstrom) Johanneson. His father, a farmer by occupation, lived all his life in Sweden, and died in 1926 at the age of eighty years; and the mother passed away almost thirty years earlier, in 1897. In the schools of his native land, Fred Sandstrom, of this review, received his early education, afterward coming to the United States to seek his fortunes and settling at Bath, Maine. It was in 1907 that he came to Worcester County to live. He has been continuously engaged in the foundry business, serving in various capacities and learning it in all its details and ramifications; but it was not until 1920 that, with Mr. Hillsen, he went into a commercial venture of his own. In that year, the two men formed a co-partnership, which lasted until the death of Mr. Hillsen, in 1931. Starting operations in the rear of the yard about Mr. Sandstrom's home, they conducted it at first on a very small scale. But their efforts were rewarded by steady growth, until, in 1923, they were able to remove to their present quarters, at No. 80 Ellsworth Street, where they have since carried on a general foundry business, specializing in brass, aluminum and copper castings.

Since Mr. Hillsen's death, Mr. Sandstrom has become the sole owner of the business of Hillsen and Sandstrom; but he has by no means confined his activities in Worcester to the commercial side of life. Maintaining his interest in his native land, he holds memberships in a number of Swedish organizations and clubs, and is affiliated with the Swedish Church. He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and active in its affairs. And, indeed, he has contributed richly to every group with which he has had to do, acquitting himself well of all civic duties and obligations.

His chief devotion goes, however, to home and family. Fred Sandstrom married, in 1905, Grace M. Harris, a woman of Nova Scotian birth, a direct descendant from Mary, Queen of Scots and the Stuart clan of Scotland. By this marriage, there were children: 1. Frederick G., who was graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. 2. George A., a high school graduate. 3. Evelyn C., who was graduated from Amherst College. 4. Edith L. 5. Berenice M. Mr. Sandstrom, always strongly advocating the very broadest possible educational advantages for the youth, has practiced his principles in rearing his own children, each of whom is being given excellent educational opportunities.

HERMAN SCHERVEE, the founder of the Schervee Studios of Art and Photography, was an artist by instinct. His unique, charming personality and genius was shown in all his work. He had a fine understanding of the better things in life and enjoyed and wanted others to appreciate and enjoy all artistic and beautiful creations—whether in art, literature, or music. He had as personal friends many of the great musicians and artists.

He was born in Tonsberg, Norway, on September 15, 1867, and received his early education in his home land. His father, a ship owner and master, often took his small son on his trips to Russia and Spain and he soon grew to love the sea.

In 1880 he left Norway on a sailing vessel bound for America. After spending some months in New York and Boston, he learned that there was a large colony of Scandinavians in Worcester. This knowledge created the desire to be near his own people again and he decided to make this city his home. Soon after his arrival in Worcester he found employment in a photographic studio. The work there was most interesting and his ability soon attracted attention.

In 1892 he opened his own studio and demonstrated the artistic ability which afterwards brought him fame. He was awarded gold medals for the beauty of his portraits at the International Convention at Turin in 1896, Hanover in 1897, and Magdeburg in 1898, and later won prizes and medals in our own national conventions and art exhibits. During his lifetime Mr. Schervee photographed many of our most noted Americans.

Elbert Hubbard wrote of him:

> In Worcester lives Schervee. He is a portrait photographer. Twenty years ago he came to this country from Norway. He had no money. He had no friends. He was too poor to live in a boarding house, so he camped on the shores of a nearby lake. Today he makes such extra fine portraits that men come from everywhere to sit for him. He has letters from President Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel C. French, and a score of others, telling him that as a portrait photographer he stands close to the top of the profession. I am writing of Schervee here because he started without anything but his brain and his body. Today he compels big men to travel miles to come to him for his service. I know the work of other great photographers, but I have never seen anything superior to that done by this gentle, fine-textured, art-loving man of Worcester.

In 1905 he combined an exclusive art and gift shop with his photographic studios and was soon acknowledged an authority on all works of art. Later he opened studios in Hartford, New Haven and Boston.

Although Mr. Schervee was always a busy man, he took time to become an active member of many professional, social and civic groups. He was a Mason, a member of the National Photographic Association, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Club, Rotary Club, Worcester Country Club, Boston Athletic Club, and in the earlier days was prominent in the old Bicycle Club—winning a gold tandem bicycle medal in one of their races—and the Tatassit Canoe Club and Uptown Club.

On October 9, 1899, Herman Schervee married Katherine M. Cheney, a daughter of Dr. Nelson and Christina (Langdon) Cheney, of Jamestown, New York. He was a great lover of horses and all outdoor life and sports. In 1909 he purchased a small farm in Shrewsbury and took great pleasure in raising choice flowers and fruits. He made his home there until his death on July 30, 1923. Mrs. Schervee and their three children, Velleda C. Schervee (Mrs. Owen Philbin), Langdon G. Schervee, and Curtis L. Schervee, survive him.

Mr. Schervee's fine professional character and his devotion to the best principles of doing and thinking brought him many true friends. His active interest in civic matters for the betterment of Worcester and Shrewsbury earned for him the highest respect and esteem. He was everywhere recognized as a man of sterling integrity and sound judgment and one who contributed richly to the artistic and business life of Worcester.

Mrs. Schervee has conducted the business since Mr. Schervee's death, and it has been her aim to keep it one of the finest, high-class studios in Worcester.

Since 1931 Curtis L. Schervee, their son, has assumed the responsibility of making all photographs at the Worcester Studio. He has shown unusual talent in his chosen profession and his work has been highly commended by the best critics.

W. ROY CARRICK—Mr. Carrick was born on December 8, 1901, in Worcester, son of William L. Carrick, of Whitinsville. He received his early education in the public schools, afterward studying at Worcester Institute of Technology as a member of the class of 1923, though he never formally took a degree from that institution. For a number of years he was associated with the Shuster organization, in the manufacturing and mill business, spending a greater part of that time at Millbury, Massachusetts. In 1930 he resigned to go into business for himself, entering the insurance and brokerage trade in Worcester and forming what was known as the Carrick Agency. This firm handles all forms of insurance and is engaged in a general brokerage business. In addition to his work with the Carrick Agency, a consulting service in connection with life insurance and estate conservation, Mr. Carrick is general agent of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, having been so appointed on March 1, 1933.

Along with his activities in insurance and brokerage work, Mr. Carrick has taken time for participation in the general life of Worcester and Worcester County. He is a Kiwanian, a Mason, a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, which he joined at Worcester Institute of Technology, and a member of the Whitinsville Golf Club.

Mr. Carrick married, in 1925, Margaret E. Shuster, of East Douglas, Worcester County. Mr. and Mrs. Carrick have had two children: W. Roy, Jr., who was born on May 20, 1927, and Winfield Shuster, born October 16, 1932. The Carrick residence is situated in East Douglas, and Mr. Carrick's offices are in the Slater Building, Worcester.

ERIC J. HIRVONEN—Another fine example of the foreign-born who have come to America's shores and here achieved fine records for various types of success is presented by Eric J. Hirvonen, inventor and expert machinist.

Born in Finland, August 15, 1893, Mr. Hirvonen is the son of John and Anna (Immonen) Hirvonen; the former, a marine engineer, died in 1925, and the mother in 1928. Having received his education in schools of his native land, he made himself master of the machinist's trade. There was also latent within him the gift for invention, which in later years he developed to a high degree of perfection. He arrived in the United States in 1914 and first settled in Wisconsin, later going to Detroit, Michigan, where he worked in drafting rooms and engineering departments for some time. He came to Worcester in 1923 and associated himself with the Leland-Gifford Company, being assigned to the engineering department. He has brought out a number of machines and other de-

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vices of his invention, on which he has obtained letters patent.

During the World War, he enlisted in the American Expeditionary Forces and was assigned to the motor transport. After one and one-half years of service in France, during which he was given the rating of sergeant, he was discharged with honor. He is a member of Finnish Lutheran Church in Worcester.

SUZANNE M. FREEMAN—For more than a score of years Miss Suzanne M. Freeman has been in charge of Hahnemann Hospital, in Worcester, and during that time she has efficiently aided in the development of that institution from a small hospital to its present generous capacity and well known usefulness.

Hahnemann Hospital began in a modest way, with limited capacity and limited equipment, admitting during the first year of its existence only twenty-three patients. By careful management, excellent service, and the help of generous patrons it has steadily grown and in 1900 was able to establish its Nurses' Training School. In 1902 the training school graduated its first class, a group of nurses well equipped for their work, and each year since that time it has sent out a steadily enlarging group of young women who have by their ability established for the training school a well deserved reputation for thoroughness and for high standards, a group which, during recent years, numbers from forty-three to sixty nurses. The hospital itself has developed in capacity and in equipment, and during 1931-32 admitted 2,299 patients. Since 1913 Miss Freeman has been the leading spirit and the efficient superintendent of the hospital, and to her efficiency, careful training, and faithfulness is due the high quality of the service which Hahnemann Hospital gives to the public. Especially prepared, not only by technical training but by actual experience, for the important responsibilities which she is carrying and possessed of much natural ability, Miss Freeman's long term of service has been a distinct factor in the success of the hospital. After graduating from Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital Training School in Boston with the class of 1906, ranking very high both in her studies and in her practical efficiency, she entered the private nursing field for a time. Soon, however, she became identified with the training school, acting as supervisor for a period of four years and later serving in the office as assistant. She remained in the superintendent's office until 1913, when she accepted her present position as superintendent of Worcester Hahnemann Hospital. Since that time, during a period of more than twenty years, she has devoted her energy and her great ability to the furthering of the interests of this institution and to the betterment of its service to its many patrons. Probably no woman in the State has served longer as superintendent of an institution of this kind, and the high quality of the service she has rendered makes her term of service a notable one.

Miss Freeman is a member of the Nurses Hospital Association, the New England Nurses Association, and the American Nurses Association. She is well known as an able and progressive administrator, and has won in a high degree the respect and esteem of those whose work she directs, as well as of the many patrons who are cared for in the hospital, and of the public whose interests Hahnemann Hospital serves.

OTTO WECHSBERG—A native of Czecho-Slovakia, where he obtained his initial experience as a mechanical engineer, Otto Wechsberg arrived in Worcester some seventeen years ago at the present writing. Within that time he has risen to president of the Coppus Engineering Company. This is an important concern, whose products are distributed in all parts of the civilized world.

Otto Wechsberg, son of S. S. and Rudolphina (Loew) Wechsberg, was born in Czecho-Slovakia, May 25, 1881, and attended schools in his native country while preparing to take advanced studies. He entered the University of Vienna, completed his course in technical subjects pertinent to his chosen profession, and was graduated in the class of 1905. At that time the charter of the university did not enable it to confer degrees. He practiced for a time in his home land, before he determined to try his fortunes in America.

In 1914 he arrived in the United States and went almost directly to Seneca Falls, New York, where he remained professionally engaged for a short time. Thence he removed to Philadelphia, and still the urge to better his state would not permit him long to remain in that city. It was in 1917 that he accepted a position with the Coppus Engineering Company of Worcester and came here to fill it. He has since been identified with the company and with Worcester as a steadily increasing important factor in the concern and the affairs of the city as a whole. When he joined the organization, the style of the firm was the Coppus Engineering and Equipment Company, which had been established by Frans H. C. Coppus in 1912 to manufacture forced-draft burners for the utilization of low-grade fuel. In 1919 the owners applied for and obtained a charter for the formation of the New England Brass Foundry Company for the purpose of manufacturing its own castings. In the election of officers Mr. Wechsberg was chosen vice-president. The two companies were consolidated in 1922 under the present title of the Coppus Engineering Company, Mr. Coppus being made president; J. Vernon Critchley, vice-president; Jerome R. George, Jr., treasurer; the other incorporator being a Mr. Erskine. In 1926, when Mr. Coppus was made chairman of the board, Mr. Wechsberg was elected president. The company now manufactures its own specialties in the blower lines, also steam turbines and air filters. Its clientage may be said to be world-wide. In its Worcester plant of 40,000 feet of floor space the employed force numbers about two hundred. The company has a staff of fifty domestic agents and seventeen foreign agents, carries group insurance for the employees, maintains a hospital room, and sponsors athletics for the workers.

As a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Wechsberg lends enthusiasm and influence to the promotion of the associational interests of the groups represented. Among his other affiliations is the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his social organizations include the Commonwealth Club and Rotary Club.

Mr. Wechsberg married, in 1917, Anna M. C. Coppus, a native of Holland. They live at No. 12 Rosemont Road, and Mr. Wechsberg has his business address at No. 344 Park Avenue, Worcester.

FREEMAN M. SALTUS—Like many enterprises founded on small beginnings which have risen to a status of influence in their respective fields, "The Labor News" of Worcester, "The Rhode Island Labor News" and "The Maine State Labor News," published by the News Printing and Publishing Company, of which Freeman M. Saltus is president and treasurer, enjoy a wide circulation. He has often been commended for having courageously "stuck to his last" during the period when he was struggling to establish his Worcester paper, and for having received the reward that was his due.

Mr. Saltus was born in Burlington, Vermont, November 13, 1866, a son of Freeman and Victoria (Fournier) Saltus, the father a native of the Green Mountain State, and the mother born in Canada, but who came to Vermont with her parents while in infancy. Mr. Saltus' father engaged in the railroad business for sixty years, died in 1922, and the mother is also deceased.

The son, Freeman M., received his education in parochial schools and a business college and obtained his first employment in a department store, later transferring to a position as tally boy in the lumber yards of Burlington.

He began his career in the printing and newspaper business first as mailing clerk and assistant bookkeeper and later as an apprentice on the Burlington "Free Press." After reaching the grade of journeyman, he was promoted to assistant foreman of the composing room of this newspaper.

Subsequently he was in the grocery business and later in real estate and insurance, and in 1900 came to Springfield to take charge of the New England circulation for the "International Monthly," which at that time was published in Burlington. In 1904 he came to Worcester and joined the composing room staff of "The Telegram." Two years later, in 1906, he established "The Labor News" as a weekly paper in Worcester. He occupied a very small room and his capital was extremely limited, but he had a trade, that of printer, and, with twenty-five years' experience in the mechanical, editorial and business departments, he felt equal to the task and forged ahead.

The paper grew in favor with his clients and the circulation increased to such an extent that he removed to larger quarters at No. 64 Southbridge Street. Subsequently his affairs showed still further improvement and he transferred his plant to No. 48 Southbridge Street. He has been at his present location, No. 17 Federal Street, since 1917. Now at the head of a substantial newspaper, he sometimes prints editions having as high as thirty-two pages. It is rated as one of the leading labor journals of the county. As publisher of "The Rhode Island Labor News" and "The Maine State Labor News" and having recently taken over the circulation of the "Boston Times," which suspended publication, he is exerting a similar influence in other fields.

During the period of the World War, Mr. Saltus served on various committees engaged in war work, some in behalf of the Federal Government and others concerned with relief. His fraternal alliances include the Order of Artisans, Knights of Columbus, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Foresters of America. He is a member of the International Labor News Service, the International Typographical Union; past president and now a member of the board of trustees of the Labor Temple Associates, the Worcester Central Labor Union, the Chamber of Commerce of Worcester, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Advertising Club of Worcester, L'Union St. Jean Baptiste, the Bancroft Automobile Club and the Wachusett Country Club. He is a member of the advisory board of the Woman's Trade Union League and a director and trustee of the Louis Pasteur Hospital in Worcester. His religious connection is with the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Saltus married, in 1888, Melbina M. Beaulieu, and they became the parents of thirteen children: 1. Albert P., Meriden, Connecticut. 2. Della V., Framingham, Massachusetts. 3. Victoria M., Detroit, Michigan. 4. Urban F., Worcester. 5. Rebecca D., Winter Haven, Florida. 6. Amase W., New York. 7. Pauline A., Stamford, Connecticut. 8. Cecile A., Worcester. 9. Lillian A., Worcester. 10. Evelyn B., Portland, Maine. 11. Alfred L., Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. 12. Helen V., Wallingford, Vermont. 13. Samuel G., Worcester. 14. Louis DeG., died in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Saltus also have twenty grandchildren.

FRANK M. JABLONSKI—Attorney-at-Law Frank M. Jablonski, of Worcester, was born at Posen, Poland, November 23, 1894, and came to this country as a child of four years of age. He is the son of Andrew and Michaelina (Szymczak) Jablonski, who emigrated to America in 1898, and settled in Webster, Massachusetts, of which place the father has since been a resident. Mrs. Jablonski died April 13, 1931.

Frank M. Jablonski was educated in the public schools of Webster and prepared for higher educational study in SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan. He matriculated at Boston University and was graduated with the law class of 1919, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. That same year he was admitted to the bar of Worcester County, and began the practice of his profession in Worcester and Webster. He has been markedly successful, and has a clientele in both the places named, in which he still maintains offices. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Society and the Massachusetts State Bar Association.

Mr. Jablonski is public-minded, a man interested in the civic advancement and prosperity. He is active in political circles, and was the first president of the Association of Polish-American Political Clubs of Massachusetts. An effective and polished public speaker in this direction he is much sought. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Roman Catholic Union and the Worcester Economic Club.

On October 29, 1922, Frank M. Jablonski married Sophia J. Shubda, of Boston, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Virginia N., born December 25, 1923. 2. Irene Jean, born September 16, 1926. 3. Frank M., Jr., born on December 15, 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Jablonski reside at No. 21 Iowa Street, Worcester.

PATRICK JOSEPH MURPHY—Since Patrick J. Murphy assumed the office of chief of police of the Athol police department, he has brought this branch of the town government to a high state of

efficiency. In town, county and State he is regarded as one of the shrewdest and most successful of police executives, and in his possession there are many testimonials to the smooth and efficient functioning of the force under his command.

Patrick Murphy, father of the chief, was born in County Cork, Ireland. After coming to America, he met, in Gardner, Margaret Murphy, and there they were married. They later moved to Royalston, Massachusetts, where they spent a few years. Thence they came to Athol, where they had purchased a farm on Chestnut Hill. Patrick Murphy, in addition to carrying on his farm, worked for the town of Athol. He was a stonemason by trade and also assisted in laying the double-track on the Fitchburg Railroad through Athol. Known as a good, clean-living man, he was also a devout communicant of the Roman Catholic Church. He died in 1912 at the age of eighty-four years. His wife died in 1887. She bore him children: 1. Timothy, died in childhood. 2. Cornelius, died at the age of twenty years. 3. Margaret. 4. Dennis, deceased. 5. Michael, deceased. 6. John, deceased. 7. Julia, deceased. 8. Patrick Joseph, of whom further.

Patrick Joseph Murphy, youngest child of Patrick and Margaret (Murphy) Murphy, was born in South Royalston, Massachusetts, November 18, 1869, and received his education in the schools of his native district. He remained at home as a dutiful son until he attained his majority, and then went to work in a shoe factory, where he was employed for a number of years. His connection with the Athol police force dates back to 1909, in which year he was appointed a member. In 1911 he was advanced to the position of chief of police, which he has held continuously from that time. The broad experience that is his has run parallel with the building up of the police department to be one of the best working systems of the kind in the State.

During his régime Chief Murphy has installed a complete system of records. In this period it has not been necessary for the town to provide legal assistance for the police department, since the chief takes charge of the handling of all cases himself from the side of the police. In this way he has been instrumental in saving a considerable sum of money to the town that otherwise might have been paid in counsel fees. His personal efficiency and conduct of the department have never been called in question. Among the numerous complimentary letters and testimonials that he has received, the following is an excellent example and one highly prized by the chief:

BOSTON, MASS.

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN,
ATHOL, MASS.

We desire to compliment the town of Athol for having at the head of its Police Department Mr. P. J. Murphy, a gentleman through whose able efficiency a stolen Ford belonging to one of our clients was located and restored to its owner, and the alleged thieves arrested.

From what we learn of this transaction, Mr. Murphy showed exceptional ability, and we extend congratulations and very best wishes for the continued success of your chief of police.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) ROSECRANTZ, HUGARD & COMPANY.

There are additional commendations of his work that have a tone and vein similar to the above-quoted letter. In practically all things that have for their objective the public good he is active in so far as his official duties will permit. He is a member of the National Police Chiefs Association, the New England Association of Police Chiefs, the Police Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Police Association. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the Laymen's League, and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. His chief sport or recreation is bowling.

Chief Murphy married, April 26, 1899, Margaret Barrett, of Athol. She died September 22, 1918. Their children are: 1. James Edward, a funeral director in Athol. 2. John L. 3. Philip B. 4. Joseph M. 5. Robert. (These four preceding sons are all employed in a shoe factory in Athol). 6. Margaret, a stenographer. 7. Catharine, who resides at the family home. 8. William, a student in high school and living at home. Chief Murphy's residence is at No. 163 South Athol Road, and his office is at the police headquarters, No. 206 Exchange Street, Athol.

WALTER J. MOOSSA, a well-known attorney of Worcester, was born in that city, March 13, 1908, son of Anthony P. and Nabiho (Kuram) Moossa, natives of Syria, who came to the United States as one of the first of their race to settle permanently in Worcester. The elder Mr. Moossa has been both an active and successful realtor and dry goods merchant. Walter J. Moossa received the preliminaries of his education in the parochial schools of Worcester and the Academy of the Sacred Heart. In 1926 he was graduated from the Classical High School and then entered the Suffolk Law School from which he was graduated on June 17, 1930, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Meanwhile, April 23, 1930, Mr. Moossa had been admitted to the bar of Worcester County, and immediately after his graduation began the practice of his profession in his native city. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States, May 12, 1933. He has been very successful in attracting a clientele and in making an enviable reputation as a lawyer. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association, the Commercial Law League and the Young Men's Christian Association. Among his recreations are tennis and swimming, and as a public-minded citizen he is interested in civic and political activities.

CHARLES M. KANE—From a mercantile occupation, Charles M. Kane graduated into the theatrical profession, and is filling the position of manager of the Park Theatre in Spencer. Through the offerings that he has booked at his house he has been instrumental in building up the patronage to large proportions and has pleased the theatre-going public of Spencer.

Mr. Kane is a descendant of native Irish stock. His father, Patrick Kane, was born in Ireland, and at the age of six years came to this country with his parents, the family settling in Spencer. He became a dry goods merchant, a member of the firm of Kane and Forest. He married Katharine O'Leary, of Spencer, where they reside. Their children are: Charles M., of this review, and Sarah R. Kane.

Charles M. Kane was born in Spencer, October 7, 1883, and received his education in the local

schools, including a course in the high school, where he was graduated in 1903. For a time he was associated with his father in the dry goods business, but in 1909, in which year the Park Theatre was built and incorporated, he was chosen stage manager. In 1916 he was advanced to the position of manager and has since exemplified his ability as the head of a theatre. The house has seating capacity of six hundred, and the stock is all owned by Spencer people. Politically he is aligned with the Republicans and his fraternal affiliations include the Knights of Columbus. He makes his home with his sister, Miss Sarah R. Kane, at No. 15 Main Street, Spencer.

CARL E. WAHLSTROM—Versatility and ability have been characteristics of the career of Carl E. Wahlstrom, assistant Register of the Probate Court of Worcester, lawyer, educator and public-minded citizen. He was born in Worcester, January 27, 1898, a son of John P. and Anna M. (Erickson) Wahlstrom, both of whom were natives of Sweden who came to Massachusetts more than a half century ago and settled in Worcester. Carl attended the public schools of his native city and was graduated from the local high school in 1916. Four years later he had gained his degree, Bachelor of Arts, from Clark University, and during the next autumn matriculated at Boston University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1923, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. During three of the years that he was studying at Clark University he won scholarships and in Law School he had a scholarship for the entire course.

In 1924 Mr. Wahlstrom was admitted to the bar of Worcester County, and in 1925 was appointed instructor of law at Northeastern University. He began the practice of his profession immediately after his graduation from Boston University, and received his appointment to the post he still holds, assistant register of the Probate Court, in 1925. As is evident, Mr. Wahlstrom is a lawyer of extensive knowledge and thorough training, one who seems destined to become a "lawyer's lawyer." He is much consulted by his professional colleagues by whom he is held in high esteem.

Mr. Wahlstrom's scholastic career was interrupted by a period of service in the forces of the United States during the World War. He enlisted and was assigned to Camp Grant, Illinois, with the rank of lieutenant in the infantry. He has always been greatly interested in civic activities and humanitarian projects, and has served the community in many valuable ways. Mr. Wahlstrom is the originator, or founder, of the Senate Public Speaking classes. For a year he was the secretary of the board of directors of the Worcester Free Library. Since 1928 he has been the secretary-treasurer of the Worcester County Bar Association. He has also held several offices in the Worcester Kiwanis Club, and is secretary of the Worcester Economic Club. In the fall of 1933 he became legal advisor and secretary of the Worcester N. R. A. Compliance Board and in January, 1934, was elected president of the board of directors of the Worcester Free Public Library. Fraternally, Mr. Wahlstrom is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; is master of Rose Croix, and is a member of all the bodies of Masonry up to, and including the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite. His church affiliations are with the First Swedish Methodist Church of Worcester.

On June 1, 1931, Carl E. Wahlstrom married Margaret U. Wahlstrom, of Worcester, and they make their home at No. 38 Beachmont Street, Worcester.

HOWARD A. STEVENS—As owner and operator of the National Crescent Coal Company, which he established at Worcester in 1927, Howard A. Stevens has built up a successful enterprise, requiring a large coal yard and several delivery trucks to meet the demands upon it by its customers.

Mr. Stevens was born in Worcester, May 10, 1887, a son of William A. and Amelia F. (Chapman) Stevens, both natives of this State. His father was a contractor engaged largely in mill construction work.

Howard A. Stevens received his education in Worcester schools, graduating from the South High School. After completing his course there, he entered the coal business as an employee of the Claflin-Sumner Company and has since devoted his attention to this field. Starting in the capacity of clerk and bookkeeper, he won promotion, eventually was made yard superintendent, and continued with this firm for sixteen years, up to 1927. Then, seeking larger opportunities, he entered the business for himself, establishing the National Crescent Coal Company, which he has since successfully operated. Mr. Stevens is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. While he has always given his best attention to his business and has time for few outside interests, he supports civic and benevolent projects of merit and has various other connections. His favorite recreation is fishing.

On October 16, 1911, Howard A. Stevens married Mary E. Clarke. They are the parents of two children: Howard W. and Dorothy F.

JAMES F. McLAUGHLIN—As chief probation officer for the Superior Court of Worcester County, James F. McLaughlin is widely known in legal circles and public life in this county. He has been a member of the Massachusetts bar for almost thirty years and has proved himself an efficient officer of the court in the responsible position he now holds.

Mr. McLaughlin was born at Lancaster, Massachusetts, on March 13, 1881, a son of James and Elizabeth (Cunningham) McLaughlin. Both parents were born in Ireland and came to America in their youth, settling in Clinton, Massachusetts. After their marriage they removed to Lancaster, Massachusetts, where the father was engaged as a carpenter and building contractor. Both are now deceased.

James F. McLaughlin was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, being graduated from high school in 1899. Subsequently he entered Boston University, and in 1904 was graduated from the law school of that institution with the Bachelor of Laws degree. Admitted to the bar in the same year, he began practice at Leominster, and for twenty years was engaged in practice there, winning an important position at the local bar. He was appointed a member of the commission on the revision of the city charter and also served for

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several years as secretary of the Board of Trade. Finally he was appointed probation officer of the Leominster District Court and held that office with distinction, until he removed to Worcester in 1919 to take up his duties as chief probation officer of the Superior Court of Worcester County. Here he has continued the record of efficient and satisfactory service which has marked his career in public life. Mr. McLaughlin's work, involving the supervision of probation and parole cases, takes him all over the county and has brought him a wide acquaintance throughout this section. He is a member of the Massachusetts Probation Officers Society, the Worcester County Probation Officers Association and the National Probation Association. Apart from his other connections, he is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus; Leominster Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is a member of the University Club of Worcester and the Wachusett Country Club. In religious faith he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

On June 5, 1907, James F. McLaughlin married Mary Devlin of Boston. They are the parents of two children: 1. J. Frank, born June 4, 1909. 2. James F., born June 6, 1919.

ELEAZER D. JORJORIAN—Eleazer D. Jorjorian, president of the Eagle Plating Company, of Worcester, is one of the well-known business men of this city.

Mr. Jorjorian was born at Harpoot, Armenia, on August 24, 1870. In the schools of Armenia, he received his early education, coming to America in 1888. He was endowed with the native ambition and thrift of his race, and, although having only twenty dollars and a few clothes, he made up his mind to succeed in his adopted country. Desiring to learn the customs and speech of the United States, he took a position in a plating company in Connecticut, where he acquired a complete knowledge of his trade. Though he could not speak English when he arrived, he contrived to master this tongue before long and improved as the years went on in his handling of the language. At the same time he was perfecting himself in his trade, first at New Britain, then in Meriden and later in Hartford, Connecticut. It was about 1900 that he came to Worcester, where he has since been engaged independently in business.

Here he built up the organization known as the Eagle Plating Company, referred to above. Taking quarters in Summer Street, Worcester, he built up the business until he now employs from thirty to thirty-five men. In 1923 he purchased from the Channing Realty Company the property on the opposite side of Summer Street, in order to enlarge his plant and improve his facilities for meeting the increased demands made upon the plating company. During the World War period, Mr. Jorjorian came to be nationally known in the plating trade, receiving contracts at that time from the government and supplying large quantities of plating to the country. He was the first man to perfect a formula for the electro-galvanized rust-proofing process on shells and adapters. Of the different formulae submitted, his was the first to pass successfully the government test. In the spring of 1929 Edsel Ford made a contract with the Eagle Plating Company to furnish the $10,000 door to his home in Detroit, Michigan. The door, of beaten bronze, was made by the Gorham Company, the makers declaring that a duplicate would cost about $30,000. There was no plating house in Providence having a tank large enough for the plating of the door, which is eight feet, eight inches in height and three feet three inches wide and is regarded by critics as one of the finest examples of this type of decorative architecture. Bronze had not previously been much used for private homes. The metal, even then, constituted only a small part of the door's real value, which was chiefly contained in the fine handwrought work. The Jorjorian company does all sorts of plating—gold, silver, nickel, brass, copper, cadmium and chromium electroplating, enameling and japanning on both metal and wood, and electrogalvanizing by the cold process. There is also small-order work, such as the plating of knives, forks, spoons, automobile parts, stove parts and all kinds of metal gadgets.

In chromium plating, the company uses its own special solution, thereby saving the expense of paying a royalty, and gives its customers the resultant price benefits. Arthur E. Jorjorian, younger son of Mr. Jorjorian, was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1929, after doing special research work there in this kind of plating. Both he and another son, Leon E. Jorjorian, are associated with their father in business. Leon E. Jorjorian demonstrated his ability by taking charge of the plant a number of years ago while his father was on one of his periodical European trips, and since then has been active in the management of the company. The Jorjorians also have their special process of galvanizing, which produces work far more rust-resisting than ordinary galvanizing. The War Department work done by this firm was not confined to the World War period, in which it galvanized 4,000,000 boosters for gas shells; for in 1929 it was for some time engaged in galvanizing gas-mask nozzles for the government.

In addition to his own business, Eleazar D. Jorjorian has been a leader in certain organizational enterprises in Worcester and vicinity. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and other groups and figures prominently in any undertaking designed to bring about civic improvement.

He has been twice married (first), in 1897, to Zabelle Thomajian, who died in 1905, and (second), in 1907, to Taguke Tashjian. By the first marriage there was born one son: 1. Leon E., referred to above, now a partner in the business. By the second marriage there were three children: 2. Arthur E., now associated with his father in business. 3. Zabelle. 4. Irene.

MAGHAK G. BERBERIAN—At the age of fifteen years, unable to speak the English language, Maghak G. Berberian, now proprietor of two clothing stores in Worcester, came from his native Armenia and today is one of the best known merchants in this city. He is also prominently identified with affairs of his former nationals, in religious, charitable and political organizations.

Born in Harpoot, Turkish Armenia, December 25, 1884, Mr. Berberian attended the schools of his native city until he was fourteen years of age. Unaccompanied, he came to America in 1899. Al-

though unfamiliar with the tongue of this country, he was far enough advanced in his studies to enter the Evening High School in Worcester, to which city he came at once following his arrival in New York. Eventually he made himself master of English and, after being variously employed, he determined to enter business on his own account. In 1911 he opened a small store in Worcester and started by selling suits. He has since added another store to his establishment, which he has modernized with fixtures and stock, so that his places of business are regarded as among the important retail stores of men's and boys' clothing in Worcester.

He has from early manhood interested himself actively in welfare and civic movements for his race. This is true also of his attitude toward Worcester city and county activities. For ten years he has been chairman of the Armenian-American Republican Club, and he is a member of the executive committee of the Armenian-American Republican Club of Massachusetts. In 1909 he and Vahan Kurkjian organized the Armenian General Benevolent Union in Worcester, in which he was made an honorary member because of his work for this organization. He is a member of the A. D. L. Club, in which he has held important offices. To the development and growth of the Armenian Apostolic Church in America he has contributed much of his time and means. For twenty-two years as a delegate and fourteen years as secretary, also as a member of the executive council for eighteen years, he attended the church conventions in this country or officiated in the capacities mentioned. In 1911 he was elected by the National Armenian Assembly in New York to be the one lay delegate to represent the Armenians of the United States at the election of the Catholicos (head of the church), at Etchmiadzin in Russian Armenia, there being only one other delegate from the United States, a priest of the church. In 1930, when four lay delegates were selected, he was again one of those thus honored. During the tercentenary celebration of Massachusetts he was appointed by the mayor as a member of the committee on the celebration of the event in Worcester. He was also made a member of the committee on appropriation for the World War Memorial Building, in Worcester, which was completed at a cost of $2,000,000. A member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, he is affiliated also with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Berberian married, March 3, 1918, Velda S. Derghazarian, a native of Armenia, and they have three children: Abahid, Adrienne, and Miriam. Mr. Berberian has his business address at No. 551 Main Street, Worcester.

ARTHUR S. MANZI—As a boy of fourteen, Arthur S. Manzi, president of the Manzi Funeral Home, Inc., of Worcester, came to America, and despite the handicap of a lack of knowledge, at that time, of the English language he has achieved success and gained a place of importance. He was born in Laurenzana, Province of Potenza, Italy, April 2, 1887, a son of Francesco and Amalia (Laraia) Manzi, of which place his father was a substantial business man.

Educated in Italian schools, Arthur S. Manzi, in company with his brother, Luciano, came to New York City on November 2, 1901. Shortly after he moved to Worcester and was employed in various ways during the day time, while he attended night schools in the endeavor to perfect the speaking of a new language and to increase his knowledge of American ways and business. Aside from a few months spent in New York City with a concern that made pocketbooks, Mr. Manzi has been continuously a resident of Massachusetts and chiefly of Worcester. For a time he sold food supplies in Worcester and Westboro; later he became associated with the Samuel Winslow Skate Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for three and a half years. Then followed two years on delivery truck work, and finally he purchased a team of horses, and in September, 1907, established his own business. A cab was later added to his equipment and gradually he supplied carriages for funeral directors.

Mr. Manzi has always acted upon the principle that the only right way to do a thing is to do it thoroughly and well. In order to add to his experience, knowledge of the business, he entered the Embalming School of Boston and remained until he was graduated in 1909. He at once began his career as a funeral director, and it now covers more than a quarter of a century. He has one of the best equipped and perfect funeral homes in Worcester and is the president and treasurer of the Manzi Funeral Home, Inc., located at No. 179 Shrewsbury Street, in this city. He is a member of the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Columbus, Foresters of America, and the Columbus Society, Order of the Sons of Italy. A lover of the outdoors, he enjoys fishing, hunting and golf, and is a member of the Italian Golf Club.

On November 12, 1912, at Worcester, Arthur S. Manzi married Lillian Risso, a native of Worcester, and they have a son, Francis, born June 11, 1915, now a student of North High School, Worcester.

HYMAN I. GOLUMBUK—The manufacturing interests of Worcester, which are the bulwark of the city's business life, include an important unit in the National Shoe and Slipper Company, founded by Hyman I. Golumbuk. He has served as president of the company since its incorporation, and is regarded as one of the leading industrialists of the city. His colleagues in the local business world give him credit for enterprise and progressiveness in making his organization one of the most modern of its kind in equipment and spirit.

Mr. Golumbuk was born in Russia on December 28, 1894, son of Haskel and Esther Golumbuk, who reside in their homeland, where the father is living in retirement. After Hyman I. Golumbuk, of this review, completed his education in the public schools and settled in Worcester, he began to realize an ambition of many years' standing by entering upon a business career. He started operations in 1913 in association with the New England Slipper Company and, when the World War began, was earning a large salary with this corporation, having become a recognized expert in the shoe business. Upon returning from service in France, where he had served with the 77th Regiment of Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces, and had

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been wounded in the Meuse-Argonne campaign, he found himself, like so many others, unable to secure his old, well-paid position. He thereupon started over again, receiving the low wage of $11 a week. He had, however, saved some money, and so determined to risk this sum in founding a business of his own. He formed, with a Mr. Kumin, the G. and K. Felt Slipper Company. At Mr. Kumin's retirement, in 1920, Mr. Golumbuk was left to carry on the business independently.

At about that time he obtained a large order from an eastern company and because of the shortage of money was forced to look around for assistance. Going to H. L. Goodwin, of Mulberry Street, Worcester, for whom he had worked, he secured from him enough cash to permit him to carry forward his plans. It is worth while to note that Mr. Goodwin advanced him the necessary funds without asking security, thereby showing his belief in Mr. Golumbuk's integrity and ability. Mr. Golumbuk was now joined by a Mr. Grace, who became a partner in the enterprise.

With the incorporation of the firm under the style of the National Shoe and Slipper Company, in 1921, Mr. Golumbuk was made president. Since that time he has served continuously in this office, faithfully and effectively fulfilling the duties pertaining to it. Mr. Grace was chosen treasurer, and Irving P. Sawyer secretary. A review of Mr. Sawyer's life and work is to be found elsewhere in this work. Under Mr. Golumbuk's guidance the volume of business increased to such an extent that two removals to larger quarters were necessary. The first removal took place in 1922, when they went to Nos. 8-10 Beech Street. In 1930 they came to the present site in Green Street. Meanwhile, Mr. Grace withdrew from the company, and Mr. Sawyer was elected his successor. In this manner Mr. Sawyer acquired the dual office of secretary-treasurer. In its Green Street quarters, the company has floor space of about 50,000 square feet, and in a modernly equipped plant furnishes employment to four hundred and fifty hands. Its products consist of women's shoes, low-priced McKay's and Goodyear's shoes, and "Solid Comfy" slippers. These items have brought the organization an international reputation for leadership in its field, and its goods find a ready outlet in the markets of the United States and Canada. Mr. Golumbuk points with pride to the commendable features of the business and its administration, most of which have been the direct result of his suggestions, though he has always coöperated with every other forward-looking individual or movement started within the organization.

Not confining his efforts to sales alone, Mr. Golumbuk has interested himself in the social well-being of his employees. The company sponsors and encourages athletics, diversions and recreations among them, instituting contests to promote their health and morale. Good-will prevails in the organization, which once a year provides an outing for the workers at the company's expense. These picnics are festive and extremely pleasurable to everybody connected with the business. They have benefited both officials of the company and the employed personnel, and each year are anticipated eagerly.

As a citizen of foreign birth who has been assimilated into American life, Mr. Golumbuk has given full proof of his allegiance to the United States Government. His eagerness to be of service at a time of great world stress was demonstrated during the World War period, as it is demonstrated today in his affiliation with some of the foremost organizations in Worcester business and civic life. He is a member of the Veterans of the World War, the Chamber of Commerce of Worcester, a number of local clubs and the Society of B'nai B'rith. He attends a synagogue of the Hebrew faith in his home city.

Hyman I. Golumbuk married, in 1924, Minnie I. Ginns, of Worcester. Their children were: 1. Eleanor R., born September 12, 1925. 2. Leon H., born March 9, 1927. 3. Bennett G., born October 24, 1929. 4. Phillis Anne, born October 4, 1933.

SATREK DER BAGDASARIAN—In the business life of the city and county of Worcester, Satrek Der Bagdasarian, operating under the style of the Lincoln Clothing Company, has firmly established himself. His store, at No. 2 Lincoln Square, caters to a select line of customers for men's furnishings and shoes. He is prominent in Armenian affairs, religious, civic and political.

Mr. Bagdasarian was born in Harpoot, Turkish Armenia, May 15, 1881, and attended the schools of his native city. He then went to Constantinople and became a commission merchant, carrying forward this line of business for fourteen years. In 1913 he came to America and made his home in Worcester. On February 1, 1914, he opened his present store at No. 2 Lincoln Square, where he has since continued successfully. He was one of the first of the Armenians in Worcester to engage in a mercantile business here and has always had the esteem and confidence of his patrons and the public generally.

He is one of the foremost Armenians of American adoption in the affairs of his former nationals in this country. He is a member and ex-president of the Armenian General Benevald Society, a member and former president of the board of trustees of the Armenian Church, trustee and treasurer of the prelacy of the Armenian Church of America, a member of the Council of the Armenian Church in America, and representative to this body from the Worcester congregation. He is also affiliated with the Armenian Democratic Liberal party and a member of Worcester Lodge, No. 243, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Bagdasarian married, December 26, 1909, at Harpoot, Turkey, Aznev Mantarian, of that city, and they have children: 1. Bartev, born in Constantinople, graduated from the High School of Commerce of Worcester, and is a student at Northeastern University, Boston. 2. Raffey, born in Constantinople, graduated from the High School of Commerce here, and is a student at Clark University, Worcester. 3. Aznev, born in Worcester, graduated at the North High School here, and is now in training to be a vocal artist. The Bagdasarian residence is at No. 48 Forbes Street, Worcester.

CONSTANTINOS PANTOS—"Americanism" is the keynote of the naturalized citizenship of Constantinos Pantos, of Worcester, a former national of Greece, who has performed a vast amount of work in successfully teaching the ideals, manners and customs of American life to people of his race. One of the most prominent Greek-

American leaders in New England, he is diligent in business as a steamship agent, restaurateur and insurance agent. In the political phase of his people's activities he has an important part, giving his allegiance to the Republican organization.

Born in Epirus, Greece, May 21, 1884, Constantinos Pantos completed his native education in the grammar school. He then went to Constantinople and worked in a delicatessen store for a time. He later engaged in business on his own account, but when the "missionary war" broke out, he was compelled to leave Turkey. In 1909 he went to Athens, Greece, thinking to start business life anew in that city, but he found conditions for his enterprise most unfavorable.

He sailed for America in 1909 and came to Southbridge, where he entered the employ of the American Optical Company, working as a leather cutter until 1916. He was the first to bring together the owners of the factories in Southbridge and to succeed in getting them to provide school facilities whereby foreign-born laborers might acquire the English language. This was a noble and auspicious beginning, for which too great credit cannot be given the instigator of the movement. At one time he had as many as two hundred and fifty students of English at the Southbridge Young Men's Christian Association. As soon as they were qualified for taking the test, he would bring them to Worcester for presentation in the Naturalization Court. In Southbridge he organized the Greek Militia, composed of two hundred boys, who received training in preparation for war if the emergency should arise. This organization was afterwards absorbed by the Massachusetts National Guard.

During the World War period Mr. Pantos was appointed by the United States War Department to visit the different camps in this country and give lectures to the men of foreign birth as to how best they could serve this country. He was also appointed by the United States Treasury Department to help sell Liberty bonds. On a single day he raised twenty-five thousand dollars for this objective. General Charles R. Edwards (since deceased) and General Hodges were two high officers who sought the assistance of Mr. Pantos in this work.

He was instrumental in getting the Greek Catholic Church in Southbridge built, the edifice now bearing the name of St. George. In 1920 he started a chain of stores, one each at Southbridge and Webster in this State, and one at Grosvenordale, Connecticut. At the end of three years he disposed of the business and in 1922 came to Worcester to live. He has been highly successful in his steamship agency, insurance agency and restaurant business. In 1921, through Governor Calvin Coolidge (afterwards President of the United States), who was a warm friend of the Greeks, a proclamation was issued, inviting the people of this State to join with the Greek-Americans in celebrating the anniversary of the political independence of Greece. While a resident of Southbridge, he was a candidate for member of the board of sinking fund commissioners, but was defeated with the rest of the Republican ticket by a Democratic landslide. He is the representative of the Greek-American Republicans of the United States on the Republican National Committee; is vice-president of the Republican State Committee of the Greek League; is vice-president and secretary of the Greek Community of the Worcester League; is a member of the Memorial Committee, appointed by Mayor Mahoney of Worcester; a member of the Ahepa Society and Gapa Society; and a member of the executive committee of the Greek Political Club of Worcester. In 1920 he raised a fund with which to erect a statue of Daniel Webster in Athens.

Mr. Pantos married, September 14, 1913, Amelia Marggriff, a native of Germany, and they have a daughter, Helen, born June 15, 1914.

JOHN J. SIARKIEWICZ—The Worcester County bar has among its younger representatives a rising lawyer in the person of John J. Siarkiewicz, who is building up a large and valuable practice in the city of Worcester. He also maintains a branch law office in the town of Webster. He is a naval veteran of the World War and prominent in the affairs of a State association made up of members of Polish birth or extraction.

Albert and Helen (Kocimo) Siarkiewicz, natives of Poland, came to America about 1885 and settled in Ware, Massachusetts, where the former is in business as a merchant. They are the parents of John J.

John J. Siarkiewicz was born in Ware, April 23, 1895, and received his preliminary and college preparatory education in the schools of his native town. After graduation from high school in 1913, he took post-graduate work there for two years. He then entered the Law School of Boston University, which made him a Bachelor of Laws and graduated him in the class of 1920. His university studies were interrupted by entry into service for the World War from June, 1917, until September, 1919, during which time he was aboard a convoy vessel, holding the grade of chief petty officer. On his return to civil life he completed his legal training and was certified for practice at the Massachusetts bar in 1920. In the same year he formed a partnership with Frank M. Jablonski under the style of Jablonski and Siarkiewicz and began practice in the city of Worcester. The firm's local offices are in the State Mutual Building, and its office in Webster is at No. 211 Main Street.

Mr. Siarkiewicz is an influential member of the Massachusetts Association of Polish Political Clubs, which he served as president in 1931 and 1932. He is affiliated with other Polish societies, and with Phi Delta Phi (legal) Fraternity, the Woolsack Club of Boston University, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which last-named body he is a Loyal Leading Knight of his lodge. His principal recreations are golf and angling.

Mr. Siarkiewicz married, June 29, 1925, Victoria R. Bojarowski, of Worcester; their residence is at No. 13 St. Elmo Road in this city.

REV. PIUS JURAITIS—Condemned for life in a Russian prison because of his religious faith and practice, Rev. Pius Juraitis, pastor of the St. Francis (Lithuanian) Roman Catholic Church at Athol, after a most terrible experience in a Russian prison, benefited from an exchange of prisoners, and having endured many hardships made his way to America, where he has since been aiding his fellow-nationals in spiritual things. For his fidelity to the church and personal bravery, he was deco-

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rated with the cross by Archbishop Edward Kopp, titular head of all the Roman Catholic churches in Russia. This has the inscription: *Pro fide et ecclesia in Russia merito*, which, freely translated, is, "Merited through faithful service to the Church in Russia."

Born in Lithuania, December 2, 1884, the Rev. Pius Juraitis is the son of Joseph and Anne (Rasimas) Juraitis, both parents deceased, the former in 1913 and the latter in 1930. Having prepared for advanced studies and with an intention of entering the priesthood, he enrolled at St. Catherine's College, St. Petersburg (Leningrad), Russia, where he was graduated in the class of 1902. He completed his theological training and was ordained a priest of his church in 1907 at St. Petersburg. Assigned at times to different parishes, he served as assistant in some and acted as pastor of others, having been made a pastor of Ufa in 1910.

During the World War, he fought with the army in Russia for two years, and from 1916 to 1918 was staff chaplain at Moscow. He later was installed as pastor at Pscov, Russia, and was there for one year. At the end of this time he was caught in the net of the revolution which turned Russia into a shambles and was made a prisoner under the new régime. Condemned to a life of penal servitude, he was incarcerated for nine months and at the end of that time was fortunate enough to be a subject for exchange. Returning to Lithuania in 1921, he entered the Lithuania University and was there from 1922 to 1926.

In 1927 he arrived in the United States and his first assignment was as assistant pastor of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul at Elizabeth, New Jersey, where he was stationed in 1927-28. He next was transferred to Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, as assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, remaining there about one and half years. It was in 1930 that he was appointed pastor of St. Francis Church in Athol, having oversight of a parish of nine hundred to one thousand souls, without debt encumbrance, and having a fine house of worship. He is the third pastor of this church. The parish was set apart in 1913, its first pastor having been Father Meskauskas. The second pastor was the Rev. A. A. Patraitis, now of St. Casimir's Church, No. 21 Providence Street, Worcester, who built the church at Athol.

When serving as pastor of his church in Ufa, Russia, in 1915, the Rev. Pius Juraitis became well acquainted with distressing conditions arising from the war, which even then were beginning to be severely felt. Being thoroughly qualified, therefore, he was appointed by the United States Government to serve as president of the United States Relief Committee for the relief of German and Austrian civil prisoners. His fine work in this respect was performed from June, 1915, to May, 1916. For these services he received the thanks of the United States authorities in whom the care of the relief fund was vested, while he acted in the capacity of administrator on the ground. A visit by one to his house might be made an occasion for pointing the visitor to the golden cross, presented by his archbishop, which among his earthly possessions he prizes very highly for the memories and associations connected with the cause for its bestowal.

ARTHUR E. PROULX—The Southbridge Roofing Company, Incorporated, of which Arthur E. Proulx is treasurer and general manager, was established in 1881 by Joseph Proulx and is the outgrowth of a roofing business which he started in a small way. It has developed into a very large concern, and to the original line there has been added a metal manufacturing department—tanks, smoke-stacks, etc. The company gives employment to a considerable force. Some of the contracts under which they have operated have run as high as $33,000 for a single order. In 1929 the concern did more than $100,000 worth of business for the Norton Company of Worcester, besides executing commissions for large sums for other important companies.

Joseph Proulx, father of Arthur E., was born in Canada, a son of Francis Proulx, who was a brickmaker. At the age of twelve years he came to Massachusetts and went to Southbridge to live. After he attained to man's estate he entered the roofing business in a modest manner, and the Southbridge Roofing Company, Incorporated, as it is known today is founded on the foundation that he laid. He married Delima Gagnon, who was also born in Canada.

Arthur E. Proulx was born in Southbridge, May 5, 1881, the very year that his father started the business known by its present title. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, and on leaving school joined his father to assist him in the roofing establishment. He has played an important part in building up the business to its present large size. The plant itself occupies an area of 20,000 square feet, and is the largest of its kind in New England, in which is included a department for the manufacture of "antique" screws and hinges. The officers of the company are: C. Frank Kirby, president; Arthur P. Proulx, vice-president; R. A. Proulx, secretary; and Arthur E. Proulx, treasurer and general manager.

Active in the civic affairs of Southbridge, Mr. Proulx serves as a member of the Town Finance Committee. He is also a member of the Governor's Safety Council. Affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, he also belongs to the Rotary Club, Southbridge Club, and Cohasset Country Club. He is a member of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association.

Mr. Proulx married, June 10, 1903, Melvina Caron, of New York, and their children are: 1. Irene M., married C. Frank Kirby. 2. Lillian, married Roland Bedard. 3. Loretta, married Royce Fitzpatrick. 4. Arthur P., a graduate of Worcester Academy. 5. Prudence E. 6. Albert E. Proulx.

REV. JAMES P. COSTELLO—Since 1932 the Rev. James P. Costello has been the pastor of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church at South Ashburnham, Massachusetts, and the Church of St. Denis at Ashburnham. He has given his entire life to the priesthood and in the past has ministered to many Catholic parishes of this State.

The first mass in Ashburnham was said in 1853 in the home of John Nash on Water Street by Father Matthew Gibson, who came from Fitchburg. The first church was a structure erected by the Methodists in 1822, which was purchased by Father Patrick McManus, who became pastor of the church at Otter River in 1871, and this church

was blessed for Catholic service under the patronage of St. Denis. In July, 1871, Father Denis Moran was made first pastor of Winchendon, and Ashburnham at that time became a mission of the new parish. Father Moran remodeled the old church, and his work was continued by his successor in Winchendon, the Rev. John Conway, who served from 1880 to 1886. The third pastor was the Rev. John L. Tarpey, of West Fitchburg, who took charge in 1886. He built a mission church in South Ashburnham in 1893, which is now the present Church of St. Ann. For two years the Ashburnham mission churches were in charge of Father Alfred Langevin, of Gardner, and in 1895 Ashburnham was made an independent parish by Bishop Beaven. The Rev. Dr. David Moyes became the first resident pastor. During his absence for nearly two years for further study, the parish was placed under the care of the Rev. Charles McManus. Father McManus remained here until his death in 1902. Meanwhile the parish had grown steadily, from its original enrollment of seventy-five families of the Catholic faith, when the Church of St. Denis was blessed in 1871. Father John Meehan, now of East Douglas, came in February, 1903, and remained in South Ashburnham until 1906. He was followed by Father M. T. Slattery, now of Leominster, who remained until 1910. The present rectory was purchased by Father M. J. Curran, who came in 1910 and remained until 1916, when he was followed by Father Casey, now of Grafton. Father Casey served until 1922. The next priest of this parish was Father P. W. Morrissey, who served until his death at South Ashburnham in 1925. Following him came Father George F. Shea for two months, later assistant chancellor at the Cathedral in Springfield. His succesor was Father Francis A. O'Malley, who died in 1928, and he was followed by Father P. J. Coyle, who remained until June, 1929. Father James R. McCarthy then came to South Ashburnham and remained until April, 1932, when Father Costello was assigned to the duties of this parish. During the pastorate of Father O'Malley a new Altar, Stations of the Cross and many other improvements were made in the Church of St. Denis at Ashburnham. Father Costello, in August, 1932, installed the new pipe organ, a beautiful instrument which has given much pleasure to the parishioners.

Father Costello was born in New York City on August 7, 1887, son of the late Patrick J. and Alice (Conway) Costello, and completed his preliminary education at Sheffield High School. Following his graduation, he spent two years at the University of Toronto, where he was a classmate of Father Charles E. Coughlin, famous pastor of the Church of the Little Flower in Detroit, who is known all over the United States for his sermons and lectures over the radio. On the completion of his college training, Father Costello entered the Grand Seminary at Montreal, from which he was subsequently graduated. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 19, 1914, and went to his first charge, the Church of St. Francis at North Adams, where he remained for three years. The following four years he served at St. Matthew's Church, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, and from there went to Amherst, Massachusetts, where he served for three and a half years. At the end of that time, he was assigned to Our Lady of Hope Church, Springfield, remaining there until 1932. He was then made a pastor and assigned to the Church of St. Ann and St. Denis in South Ashburnham and Ashburnham. There are about eight hundred souls in the two parishes and each church seats approximately four hundred. Father Costello celebrates mass and preaches every Sunday in both of them, rendering one service in French and the other in English. He is a fluent scholar of both tongues.

In all the charges to which he has been assigned, Father Costello has made a host of friends and his zealous leadership and piety have won him the commendation of his superiors. He is considered one of the most energetic priests of the Springfield Diocese and, although he has been at South Ashburnham only a short time, he has quickened the spiritual life of the parishes and inspired his people to new Christian effort. He is much loved by the Catholics of this community and enjoys the respect of all his neighbors and fellow-townsmen without regard to faith or creed.

WILLIAM E. HAYWARD—For many years an important figure in the industrial life of Worcester County, William E. Hayward was one of the founders of the Hayward Woolen Company, whose operations at East Douglas represent a substantial contribution to the material resources of this section.

Mr. Hayward was born in Mendon in 1839, but in early life removed to Uxbridge, where he completed his education in the local high school. Following his graduation, he became a clerk in the Blackstone National Bank of Uxbridge, spending some eight years in that institution. Subsequently, however, he turned to industry and acquired a small interest in the Capron Woolen Mills. For thirteen years this enterprise continued under the firm name of Capron and Hayward. At the end of this period, Mr. Hayward organized the firm of Hayward, Taft and Company, operating mills in Proctorsville, Vermont, and East Douglas, Massachusetts. Associated with him in the firm was Moses Taft. Eventually the operations of the company centered exclusively at East Douglas, and in 1890 Mr. Hayward bought out his partner. In the same year he was joined by Winfield Scott Schuster, known as one of the ablest mill superintendents in New England, and the business of the company now increased rapidly. It became a leading industry of the Blackstone Valley and its products found a ready market in many parts of the country. Subsequent years brought about a further extension of the company's interests and added to the reputation which has made its name a synonym for high quality for many decades.

JOSEPH E. MALMSTEAD—In seeking to sell protection of lives and safeguarding the estates of beneficiaries, Joseph E. Malmstead, of Worcester, is performing an approved service to his fellows. Senior member of the well-known insurance firm of Malmstead, Smith and Hedlund, he is also district manager of the Continental Casualty Company.

Born in Worcester, July 1, 1896, Joseph E. Malmstead is the son of Joseph E. and Beba (Fagerstrom) Malmstead, natives of Sweden, who early came to Worcester and still reside here. After graduating at the Worcester High School,

he joined the staff of the Besse-Bowker Company at Providence, Rhode Island, as buyer, remaining there seven years. He then returned to Worcester and began his career in the insurance business. For one year he was with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, resigning to accept the district managership of the Continental Casualty Company. Later he was appointed to the post of general agent of the United Craftsman Insurance Company. The firm of Malmstead, Smith and Hedlund was organized February 1, 1932, and has its offices at No. 340 Main Street, Worcester.

Mr. Malmstead enlisted in 1918 for the World War and was assigned to the Camp Meigs Training School. He is affiliated with Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 4, Free and Accepted Masons, of Providence; Providence Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Thule Lodge, No. 239, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Ragnar Lodge, Order of Vasa; and the Svea Gillie Association.

Mr. Malstead married, November 27, 1920, Mabel L. Leach, of Worcester.

ELIZABETH I. HANSEN—"Beautiful surroundings help us to work better. I love to look off from the hospital at the hills and woods around Southbridge, glorious in their autumn foliage," said Miss Elizabeth I. Hansen, superintendent of the Harrington Memorial Hospital, an institution which is at once a blessing and a credit to this community. Miss Hansen came to Southbridge with an abundance of administrative experience in hospitals of this country and a hospital in Ceylon. She is affiliated with the American Hospital Association, American Nurses Association, and National League of Nursing Education.

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